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## ADDRESS BY HOPKINS

State University Man Gave Valuable Pointers at the County Farmers Institute.

## HALL SPOKE IN THE EVENING

Four Hundred Attended Program at the Ashton Meeting.

Special to THE TELEGRAPH:

ASHTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—The Thursday afternoon session of the Farmers' Institute was opened at 1:15 with a vocal duet by the Misses Yenerick of Ashton. Following this the president introduced Prof. C. G. Hopkins of the University Agricultural Experiment station whose subject was "Methods of Increasing the Productiveness of the Soil."

Prof. Hopkins spoke for two hours on his subject, discussing the scientific phases of the question, in which he has conducted original investigations for a number of years, arriving at many new and valuable conclusions. He began with a clear analysis of the elements requisite to plant life, of which there are ten.

Three of these elements, hydrogen, oxygen and carbon are supplied by water and the air. Four others, magnesium, iron, calcium and sulphur are required in small quantities and exist in Illinois soil in practically inexhaustible quantities.

Three others, nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium are rapidly exhausted by ordinary crops and must be put back to keep up the fertility and productiveness of the soil. Nitrogen can be added by a clover crop, as clover obtains this element from the air and by rotating a clover crop this may be put back in the land.

Phosphorus goes into the kernel of grain and is either sold or fed to stock. In the latter case it goes into bone. Ground bone meal is the fertilizer which supplies this. Potassium must be supplied in the form of potassium chloride.

In the latter part of his address Professor Hopkins showed charts giving results of experiments with the different elements at the state experimental farms. The whole address was one such as it has seldom been the privilege of Lee county institute audiences to listen to.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened with a violin solo by Miss Ruef, which was heartily applauded. Mrs. Richardson of Ashton gave a pleasing vocal solo and was compelled to respond to an encore.

Prof. Frank H. Hall of Aurora was introduced and gave an address on "The Teaching of Agriculture in Rural Schools." He spoke particularly of the modern idea of the function of education as opposed to the old idea. The new idea is to educate for the purpose of training a man for useful activity, that he may contribute something of value to society; that he may earn.

Following out thie general idea he advocated the teaching of agriculture in the schools that the youth may be trained for the "profession of agriculture". Incidentally he spoke of the state Agricultural school and its growth and work under Dr. Hopkins. The value of the bulletins issued by the school for use by teachers was also emphasized. Prof. Hall's address was listened to by the audience of four hundred with rapt attention.

The program of the evening closed with two readings by Miss Harm, both of which the audience received enthusiastically, and with a vocal duet by Miss Hopkins of Ashton.

JUDGES APPOINTED.

Judges have beeu appointed as follows: Corn, J. H. Martin, Morrison; jellies and canned fruits, Mrs. Hamilton; pies, Mrs. Leslie; bread, Mrs. Ed. Arnold: cake, Mrs. Chas. Hey; handkerchiefs, Mrs. Roy Surgart: potatoes, A. F. Moore; apples and vegetables, J. L. Hartwell; oats, G. Selig and Austin Powers

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the business session of the institute the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Roy E. Swygart.
Secretary—Fred Lawton.
Treasurer—W. C. Yenerick.
Executive Committee—J. L. Hartwell, Abram Ackert, W. J. Pulver.

Delegates to the state round-up in February at Decatur—J. L. Hartwell, Dixon; E. E. Miller, Franklin Grove; Lewis Nogle, Ashton.

—George Cleaver of Eldena was here today.

## VICKSBURG COMMISSION.

Chas. H. Noble Attends Three Day's Session in Chicago.

Chas. H. Noble of Dixon attended the sessions of the Vicksburg Commission held in Chicago on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The meeting was the most important one ever held by the commission as the members selected the designs for eighty regimental markers and a state monument for the Illinois troops to be located at the various points held by them at the siege of Vicksb rg. The markers will designate the points where the commands were located previous to the assault and also on the day of the assault and in some cases regiments will have four or five markers allotted to them. The Thirteenth Illinois, of which Mr. Noble was a member, will have several.

The state monument or memorial will be fifty-four feet in height and will be on the order of the Pantheon at Rome. Bronze groups of figures representing the several branches of the service will surround the base. The columns at the entrances will be twenty feet in height. The design of the memorial is dignified and when the structure is complete, it will be a very imposing one and one of which Illinoisans may well be proud. The monument will be built of white granite or marble and it is expected that the name of each Illinois soldier who took part in the siege will be perpetuated in some manner thereon.

## AURORA STRIKERS STILL OUT

Mayor Hooker Threatens to Appeal Governor Yates.

The four large factories in Batavia which closed their doors early this week because the employes failed to sign agreements to work a certain number of hours a day, to be designated by the companies, remain closed, and 1,500 men are out of employment. Mayor E. J. Hooker is attempting to settle the differences.

It was stated today that unless the lock-out, or strike, is settled by the end of this week, the case will be reported to Governor Yates and the Illinois state board of arbitration.

Mayor Hooker announced last night that under the arbitration laws of the state it was his duty to report the conditions in his city to the authorities and ask some action to end the trouble.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT AVERTED

A. H. Tillson Narrowly Escapes Severe Injury.

While driving west through Commercial Alley this afternoon A. H. Tillson narrowly escaped severe injury. Part of the harness broke and the horse started to run west. Mr. Tilison was thrown forward and fell between the wheel and side of the buggy. He caught the axle with one hand and clung to the lines with the other, stopping the horse in front of the Union State bank after the animal had turned into Peoria avenue. Mr. Tillson was considerably bruised but not seriously injured by the affair. The shafts of the buggy were broken and the vehicle is now being repaired at Paul Lord's carriage shops.

## FAMILIES LEAVING KEWANEE

Over 200 Have Gone Within the Last Month.

The discharging of hundreds of men at the plant of the Western Tube Company at Kewanee, said to be the branch of the Steel Trust, is causing large numbers of people to leave Kewanee for good. Many of the men will remain and get through the winter under difficult circumstances, hoping to secure employment again in the spring. The Kewanee Star Courier estimates that over two hundred families have left Kewanee within the last month.

## STATE TEACHERS' MEETING.

At Springfield This Month---Prof. Krinbill on Program.

The programs for the annual State Teachers' Association at Springfield, Dec. 29-31 have been received and a number of Dixon teachers will attend. On the program we notice the name of Prof. Krinbill of this city who will present a paper on "The Necessary Preparation for a Music Supervisor."

### Will Winter in New York.

Mrs. James B. Charters will close her house for the winter and be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Higgins, in New York.

## TOTS GIVE PROGRAM

Kindergarten Pupils of Miss Pankhurst Have Christmas Tree at North Dixon School.

## TODAY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

School Children Enter Upon a Two Weeks Vacation Tomorrow.

The younger generation of the city is joyously happy that Christmas is so near. They think of the nearness for several reasons, and one of the most important is that today marked the close of the schools and they are free from their books for two whole weeks. This fact coupled with all of the other anticipations of Christmas makes most of them eagerly count the days until the one of all the year.

Nearly all of the teachers arranged special programs which were carried out by the pupils this afternoon, with "pieces," songs and stories of Christmas by the teacher herself. The meaning of the day was explained to the smaller children and many legends of the wonderful Santa were absorbed with avidity by the little students.

Among the older students less excitement prevailed, though all are very glad that for two weeks the will be really able to enjoy life. Many parties have been planned, including coasting and sleighing parties, should the expected snow storm arrive.

THE FINAL PROGRAM.

The final program of the schools will be given this evening, beginning at 7:15 o'clock, when the little tots of the kindergarten department of the North Dixon schools will give a program showing forth their regular work under their teachers, Miss Besse Pankhurst and assistants. A Christmas tree will be a feature of the evening and there will, no doubt, be a large attendance of patrons of the schools and others interested.

## DORCAS SOCIETY IS SUCCESSFUL

Sale Well Patronized---Presented a Quilt to Pastor and Wife.

The ladies of the Congregational church were greatly encouraged by the success which they enjoyed in their sale and supper last week. They disposed of most of their articles which they had collected and they were grateful, indeed, for the splendid attendance at their suppers, some coming from the north side and were generous in their patronage. Such appreciation calls for gratitude and the ladies realize how kind it was and are encouraged to do their best to merit such consideration.

It ought to be said in behalf of the ladies of the Dorcas Society that they do serve very generously, and they also sell their goods very reasonable indeed, but it is all for the cause that they love—the support of the church of the West Side.

The Dorcas Society presented to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks a beautiful name quilt containing 36 blocks, 32 blocks containing 20 names each and the 4 central blocks having a beautiful outline picture of the church. The pastor and his wife are grateful for this beautiful present, and it will mean much to them as a taken of appreciation and as a reminder of the great effort in which the friends have labored together. They known most of the 640 names that are sewed into the quilt and treasure the present very highly.

### Increased Clerking Force.

The Bee Hive store is prepared for the Holiday trade with the following large clerking force so that all customers may have careful attention: Myrtle LieVan, Agatha Gourley, Bertha DuVall, Louella Oettinger, Maude Miller, Doris Patrick, George Howell, Hattie Stager, Mrs. Mayme Glessner, Esma Seavy, Lena Seybert, Egie Knox, Myrtle Hartman, Irene Nelson, Irma Grose, cashier.

### Clerks Dance Tonight.

A benefit dance will be given tonight by the Retail Clerks union at the Maccabee hall. The Star Mandolin Club will play. J. A. Whitish, C. H. Higley, George Cupp and Bert Gillespie are the committee having the arrangements in charge.

### Went to Rock Falls.

Aaron Metzler, Ben Ryan and Chas. Wenger of the Dixon fire department attended the bazaar in Rock Falls last evening.


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### AMBOY.

Dec. 18—Mrs. D. Harvey and two children of Chicago are visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Schafer.

Our merchants are very busy. The stores are crowned all day and until a late hour every evening, with holiday shoppers.

James Downey is home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. M. Downey. He has spent the past year in Kansas.

Mrs. J. Roat is on the sick list; suffering with neuralgia.

Willy Adams, who was very sick the first part of the week, is improving and out of danger.

John McGowan, our genial call boy, sprained his ankle ten days ago and is under the doctor's care. He will not be able to resume his duties for some time.

Our schools will close Dec. 24, and commence work again Jan. 4, 1904.

Tuesday evening will be remembered for some time, by a number of our young folks; it being the tenth birthday anniversary of Charles and Francis Conahan, and the ninth birthday of their brother John. They invited some of their little friends to help them celebrate. Music, singing, dancing and games were kept up from six until nine o'clock, when Mrs. Conahan served a supper that would delight the heart of any youngster. At ten o'clock they went home; but not until they gave a hip, hip, hurrah for the Conahan brothers. Those that attended are as follows: Misses Mary Heckman, Nell Lenihan, Ethel McGowan, Mame Lynch, Maig Buckley, Edna Smith, Masters Leo Lynch, John Lynch, Tom Buckley, George Buckley, Joe Heckman, Eddie Heckman, Carl Flack, Rex Flack, Charley McGowan, Frank McGowan.

### Romodeling Reilly Building.

Yesterday the work of improving the Reilly building at No. 110 First street was begun by Elmer Uhl. A new plate glass front will be put in, a handsome metal ceiling will be added and other improvements made. The contract for the work is held by the Fletcher Manufacturing Co.

### Heart is Too Large.

A well known Oregon society girl has sent the following item in: "It would be well for a certain married man to take a few lessons in the art of being friendly without being too friendly." Can you call the turn.—Oregon Republican.

### Epidemics at Geneva.

Such an epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria has broken out at Geneva, in this state, that the public schools have been indefinitely closed. Mrs. Gardner, superintendent of the schools is down herself with scarlet fever, and scores of children are prostrated by one or the other of the dread diseases.

—R. R. Lehman was here from Franklin Grove Thursday.

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# THE STATEHOOD BILLS

## Not Likely to Pass During Present Session.

### CONGRESS OPPOSED TO IDEA.

**The Outlook For Financial Legislation Not Promising — Business Wants to Be Let Alone — Leader Williams a Success.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—[Special.]—There will be no new states. It is evident thus early in the regular session that the territories of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico must wait until the presidential election passes before they can hope for admission. Perhaps after that they may be admitted. The short session of congress which meets a year hence may take up the statehood bills and pass them, but even this is a doubtful proposition. There is no doubt, however, that the new states are going to wait now, as was made manifest during the gathering of the Republicans when the national committee selected the time and place for the national convention. But before this it was evident that congress did not take kindly to the idea of admitting new states and it was apparent that Republicans did not want this issue raised if they could avoid it.

**They Were in Evidence.**

The advocates of statehood were in evidence at the meeting of the Republican committee. Dennis Flynn, who has been in congress for many years and who has been able to carry Oklahoma when no other Republican could, was mingling with the members of the national committee and talked as strongly as ever for statehood. Governor Brodie of Arizona, along with ex-Governor and ex-Delegate N. O. Murphy, were also on deck talking new states to the Republicans with all the vigor they possessed. National Committeeman Grimes of Oklahoma, as well as Mr. Luna, the member of the committee from New Mexico, devoted their time to statehood and tried by convincing argument to show that this ought to be the policy of the Republicans. They made no appreciable effect upon the members of the committee. In fact, it seemed as if the committee had heard from places "higher up" and did not care to talk about statehood matters at this session.

**Financial Legislation.**

A large number of bills have already been introduced in congress, which indicates that senators and members think that there should be some financial legislation during this congress, but the prospects are that nothing will be done. I expect to see the Aldrich bill of the last congress or a similar measure pass the senate, as the Republicans of that body seem inclined to think that it will meet with very little opposition and that it will be a material aid to the treasury department. While this bill may go through the senate, as there were very few senators opposed to it last session, it will eventually meet a snag in the house. Not only will Representative Fowler, chairman of the banking and currency committee, and Representative Hill of Connecticut jump on it and propose what they think are far better measures, but the speaker himself is said to have looked with no great favor upon legislation proposed by the Rhode Island senator. Speaker Cannon not only has the power, but the inclination, to defeat and smother legislation he does not want.

**No Experimenting.**

A number of Republican leaders think that it would be very injudicious at this time to make any experiments with the currency, as people are generally satisfied with the money that is in circulation now, and the only complaint they make is that they do not get enough of it. It has been stated over and over again that reform in the currency is like the old story of the man who had a defective roof—when it was raining he could not fix it and in fine weather it didn't need fixing. At the same time, when conditions are good and there is plain sailing it is not very likely that any currency reform would be popular. If the currency situation needs reform in bad times that is when congress will take it up.

**Williams Makes Good.**

While some members of the Democratic minority are inclined to find fault with Representative Williams, who was chosen as the minority leader, the Mississippi man upon the whole has proved a good selection. He has taken very good care of the minority in the matter of committee assignments and has also been very efficient in looking after the interest of the Democrats on the floor of the house. He has not shown as much aggressiveness as some of his Democratic colleagues might like, but he has been able to make points for his party on several occasions, and has done everything that any other man in the same place could do and a great deal better than some others might have done.

**They Like Clarkson.**

Whenever there is a gathering of Republican politicians anywhere and a number of colored men are in attendance it is always observed that these colored politicians gather around J. S. Clarkson, for many years a Republican national committeeman from Iowa and now surveyor of the port of New York. They are guided by him in what they do politically. These men have known Clarkson during all trying and troublesome times of southern politics, and they believe in him implicitly. It is doubtful if another one man has more personal influence with the colored men than Clarkson, whose manner toward them is the same as toward all others.

ARTHUR W. DUNN.

### PATENT LEATHER.

**The Process by Which It Takes on the Enamel Finish.**

All manufacturers of patent leather have their own tanning processes, much like those of the calfskin tanner, though some patent leather is given a bark tanning. Horsehide and colt skins are the chief leathers made with a patent finish.

The patent or enamel finish is really painted and baked on, as the bicycle manufacturer paints and bakes enamel on to a frame. Tanners are very particular about keeping their processes secret, and nobody but workmen is ever allowed in the finishing rooms.

The hide or skin, having been stretched and dried as much as possible, is first given a coating of a mixture of linseed oil, litharge, white lead or similar materials, boiled together until they make a pasty mixture.

This is daubed on the surface with a steel tool and well rubbed in, so that the pores of the leather will be filled up. Then the leather is put into the oven, its surface being exposed to steam pipes at a temperature of about 160 degrees.

Next the surface is rubbed down with pumice stone, and then it is covered with linseed oil and ivory black, about six layers being applied, each layer being dried and rubbed down. Finally a varnish is applied, and then the surface is rubbed down and finished off as nicely as a painter finishes a fine carriage.

**Dutch Patchwork.**

Holland is certainly the land of artistic patches. Take, for instance, our very worthy captain, a thrifty man and prosperous, with a neat sum tucked away. Yet see his shirt, patched and repatched and patched again in varying shades of brown and red until it has been completely metamorphosed! As to the original color, no man knoweth, but here is a wonderful mosaic of soft tones, put together with infinite skill and patience. It is, moreover, still in a state of evolution, for the process may go on indefinitely. I take it that the purchase of a new shirt is a solemn rite and not to be entered upon with indecent haste or thoughtlessness. Here is a prospective heirloom, and one's children's children may gaze with pride upon it. And yet Barney O'Toole, whose specialty is mortar and who possesses nothing save a numerous progeny and a very doubtful insurance policy, would flee in terror at the thought of wearing it.—Edward Penfield in Scribner's.

**Not For Fashion's Sake.**

The criminal law of England was formerly marked by indiscriminating severity. Theft of an article valued above 10 shillings was punished with death. In writing about "Sweet Hampstead and Its Associations" Mrs. White records a pleasant thing of Lord Mansfield, who, as a rule, leaned to the side of mercy.

It was Lord Mansfield who directed a jury to find a stolen trinket less in value than 10 shillings in order that the thief might escape capital punishment. To this the jeweler who prosecuted demurred, asserting that the fashion of the thing had cost him twice that money.

"Gentlemen," replied the judge, with grave solemnity, "we ourselves stand in need of mercy. Let us not hang a man for the fashion's sake!"

**A Cat Story.**

A cat owned by the manager of an English restaurant noticed a mouse which had contrived to find its way into a cupboard among a lot of wineglasses. Evidently the cat saw that to capture the mouse in that retreat would be a somewhat difficult task, so, jumping on the top of the cupboard, from a plate there he gently precipitated a piece of cheese on the floor and waited. For over an hour the cat's eyes were glued on the decoying morsel, and not in vain. At last the mouse could resist the temptation no longer and made a rush for the cheese, when the problem which the cat had seemingly propounded to himself found a solution, and the mouse was caught.

**A Proverb That Failed.**

A schoolmaster has concluded that it is not safe to teach proverbs to very young children.

"Now, boys, always remember," said he one day, "that the early bird catches the worm."

Next morning a small boy toed the line with a tear stained face.

"What's the matter, Tommy?" asked the master.

"Please, sir, you said that it was the early bird that got the worm."

"Yes."

"Well, father thrashed me."

"What for, my boy?"

"'Cos, sir, I let our canary out early this morning, and it's never come back with the worm."

**He Was Warned.**

"They say," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that Mr. Faddlethwaite, who used to belong to our church, has become an agnostic."

"Is that so? Josiah used to take his lunch at the same place he did down town, and he says he often warned him that he'd get it if he didn't give up eatin' so fast."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**In the Way.**

"In our house we follow William Morris' teaching," she said. "We have nothing that is of no use."

"But that always makes a house look so bare."

"I know it. But, then, we have four children."—Syracuse Journal.

**Another One.**

"You say some very sharp things," he remarked.

"You give me some splendid opportunities," she replied.—Chicago Post.

# COUNTRYSIDE NEWS

## Semi-Weekly Notes from the Dixon Telegraph's Regular Correspondents in Other Towns.

## HAPS AND MISHAPS OF PEOPLE

### Events Which Go to Make History---What People are Doing.

### GRAND DETOUR.

Dec. 18.—Mrs. Henzler returned to her home in Morrison Monday having visited her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Winebrenner, a week.

Miss Besse Johnson visited on Oak Ridge last week with Mrs. V. Jones.

Mrs. Lawson returned from Chicago last week.

Messers. Frey and L. S. Cool spent a few days in Chicago recently.

J. B. Taylor was in Dixon Wednesday.

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tholen last week.

Miss Vina Fox of Dixon is spending a few days here with her parents.

W. C. Andrus came home from Chicago Wednesday.

Mesdames Werren, Frey and Lawson spent Tuesday at Rosedale.

Hiram Cox and wife of Oregon visited their children last week.

Miss Harrington came home from Dixon Saturday.

Henry Mon and wife were given a little surprise party Saturday by their children; it being the birthday of both. They were nicely remembered with presents that were useful.

Fred Beebe of Oregon is with his mother.

The children are being trained by Mrs. H. C. Earll and Miss Bessie Johnson for the Christmas exercises.

### THE BEND.

Dec. 18.—Mrs. Emanuel May and son of Freeport are spending the holidays with the lady's parents, John Hetler and wife.

Mesdames Hugh and Jas. Bennett are entertaining their parents, Mr. Carse and wife of Nebraska.

Samuel Shaver of Polo has come to make his home with the Geo. Shaver family.

A number from the "Bend" attended the dance at Grand Detour Thursday night and all report a good time.

Mrs. T. Rosbrook is on the sick list.

Mrs Heckman and son Luther were Dixon visitors Saturday.

Tramps are becoming popular in these parts. Ask Clarence Shaver about them.

Owing to the severe weather several of the farmers have been unable to get water.

Mrs. Hays Phillips is entertaining her father, Mr. Emmert, of Eldena.

Mr. Sprecker of Pennsylvania Corners was in these parts on business.

J. M. Santee was a welcome caller at Rosedale.

Miss Fan Depuy will return Friday from an extended visit with Mrs. Lee Dysart at Nachusa.

Mrs. Sam Boyer and son Lou were callers at the old homestead Tuesday.

Ethel Elizabeth Brierton is home for a few weeks and will again enter the Steinmann College.

Roy McCardle, who has been ill, is better.

The condition of Mrs. Miller, mother of Mrs. John Hetler, remains about the same.

Mrs. Will Depuy has been ill.

Lee Hart and wife called on Mrs. Miller at the John Hetler home Thursday.

Charles Floto and wife were visitors at the Shaver home Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Tillet is visiting her parents, L. McCardle and wife.

Messrs. Santee and Keller were at the farm Wednesday.

### Superb Art Plaques and Calendar for 1904.

Four handsome plaques representing the seasons and a Calendar Plaque for 1904 have been executed for the Malt-Nutrine Dept. of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n, according to the designs especially painted by the celebrated color artist, Mr. A. von Buest.

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—Roy Swigart went to Ashton yesterday.

—Mrs. J. M. Ericsson is in Chicago and will return Saturday.

—Hon. A. F. Moore went to Ashton yesterday to attend the Lee County Farmer's institute.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE

**Chicago & Northwestern**

| EAST BOUND | WEST BOUND |
|---|---|
| No 8.....3.25 a. m. * | No. 1.....10.23 p. m† |
| No. 6.....5:03 a. m. * | No 7.....3.45 p. m* |
| No. 16.....6.15 a. m. * | No. 11.....12.44 p. m* |
| No. 2.....6.37 a. m * | No. 3. . .2.27 a. m† |
| No. 18.....7.19 a. m † | No. 17.....6.49 p. m* |
| No. 20.....10.22 a. m † | No. 13.....10.17 a. m* |
| No. 12. . ..1.43 p. m * | No. 5..... 1 00 a. m* |
| No. 14.....3.50 p. m † | No. 25.....8.30 p. m* |
| No. 28.....4.15 p. m ¶ | |
| No 4..... .7.13 p. m | |

FREIGHT TRAINS CARRYING PASSENGERS

| TRAINS GOING EAST | TRAINS GOING WEST |
|---|---|
| No. 134.....7.45 a. m † | ¶ No. 131...11.15 a. m. |

*—Daily. †—Daily except Sunday
¶—Sunday only

TRAINS CARRYING MAIL—EAST BOUND

No 10—Atlantic Express, mail
No. 18—Sterling Passenger. mail
No. 20—Cedar Rapids Passenger, mail
No. —4 Colorado Special, mail

WEST BOUND

No. 25—Overland Flyer through mail
No. 5—Colorado Special, mail
No 17—Sterling Passenger, mail.

**Illinois Central Railroad**

TRAINS GOING SOUTH

*Southern Express No. 123..... .10:50 a. m
Clinton Passenger No. 131..... 4:06 p. m
†Local Freight No 191..... 9:37 a. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH

Omaha Day Express No. 132..... 9:37 a. m.
*Local Mail No. 124..... .... 5:18 p. m.
Local Freight No. 192 .....12:45 p. m.

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# COLOMBIANS READY

## With 2,000 Men Not Far from the Border of the New Panama Republic.

### ATLANTA DIGS UP THEIR CAMP

**Also a Protest from Its Commander Against the Atlanta's Presence in Colombian Waters.**

Colon, Dec. 18.—The supposed invading force of Colombians has been found. It numbers about 2,000 men and is located at Titumati, just north of the Atrato river. The finder is the U. S. S. Atlanta, which incidentally boarded a Colombian transport having on board about 100 soldiers. It was after boarding this vessel in Colombian waters that the location of the main body of the Colombians was discovered. The troops on board were commanded by General Rafael Novo. Lieutenant Perrill's boat's crew, which found the transport, consisted of twelve men. They were unarmed excepting four revolvers. When the whaleboat approached the schooner twenty-four soldiers were seen seated on the side nearest to the direction from which the United Statesanscame, with rifles lying handily across their knees and pointing towards the whaleboat.

**Was Only a Friendly Visit.**

General Novo, who is a Venezuelan by birth, and second in command of the Colombian forces, stood on the deck of the schooner and insolently called out in broken English: "What way is this to make war?" Lieutenant Perrill explained that it was not war, but a friendly visit. General Novo, however, refused to furnish him with any information. An interpreter who boarded the schooner discovered that she had seventy to eighty armed men, packed in her hold. He also discovered that the main camp ashore was under command of General Daniel Ortiz, commander-in-chief of the Colombian forces on the Atlantic and Pacific.

**Goes Ashore to See Ortiz.**

The Atlanta then signaled to Lieutenant Perrill to return to his ship, and later the lieutenant returned to the shore to visit General Ortiz. This time he took with him a dozen rifles concealed in the bow of the whaleboat, in case of emergency. The whaleboat was rowed steadily towards theschooner, the excitement increasing as she approached; but when Lieutenant Perrill went on shore General Ortiz appeared on the beach and the excitement subsided.

### ORTIZ WRITES OUT A PROTEST

**After Making a Demand That Is Ignored—Protest Also Ignored.**

When Perrill landed 150 Colombian soldiers appeared and Ortiz said that Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the stars and stripes. General Ortiz did not insist on his doing so. General Ortiz then made an eloquent verbal protest against the presence of United States forces, the Colombian troops continually cheering his remarks. He subsequently committed his protest in writing, addressing it to "the captain of the Atlanta." In part it says:

"Daniel Ortiz, commandant general of a division of the Colombian army, and first adjutant to General Reyes, protests most energetically in the name of the Colombian government and all Colombians against the presence of American warships in our waters. You are citizens of a powerful country, immensely rich and possessing vast numbers of inhabitants. On the contrary we are bankrupt and our immense territories are depopulated. But today, in the Panama matter, and regarding yourselves, we believe we have right and justice on our side. Do not doubt it the God of nations will be on our side. Against him squadrons and cannon shall not prevail. Every Colombian, man or woman, is capable of rising to heights of heroism."

General Ortiz sent another communication to Commander Turner asking what orders the commander had from Washington regarding the movements of Colombian warships in Colombian waters, to which Commander Turner answered saying they would be treated as would the vessels of any other power with which the United States is at peace. After saying that he was satisfied with Commander Turner's answer the general said in part:

"I beg that you will leave this port, because the waters surrounding it are part of the department of Cauca. I permit myself to inform you that the rebel department of Panama borders on Cauca at Tiburon. So long as war is not declared it seems to me only just and natural that American warships should not enter the waters south of Tiburon."

Commander Turner disregarded this. Having accomplished the purpose of his visit to the gulf, namely to locate the Colombians, the Atlanta started for Colon the night of Dec. 15. The Colombians carefully and systematically made efforts to avoid furnishing any information as to that purposes had brought them to the gulf, or whether they were building a road towards the republic of Panama. The distance separating Titumati and Yaviza is sixty miles.

The Colombians declared they had 2,000 men between the mouth of the Atrato and Tiburon, well supplied with food, clothing and ammunition. They also have several pieces of artillery mounted advantageously at coast points. Their demeanor, though polite, clearly showed hostility.

### MRS. J. B. ANGELL DEAD

**Wife of the President of Michigan University Succumbs to the Pneumonia—Over 70 Years Old.**

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 18.—Sarah Caswell Angell, wife of President Jas. B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, and daughter of the late President Caswell, of Brown university, is dead of pneumonia. Mrs. Angell was over 70 years old. She was known in diplomatic circles, having presided at the American legations at Peking and in Turkey. She was one of the board of lady commissioners at the World's fair in Chicago, serving on three committees.

Immediately after the war, while Angell was president of Vermont university, Mrs. Angell was of invaluable assistance to him in building up that institution, and her work has left her many friends at Burlington. James D. Angell, of Chicago university; Alexis C. Angell, of Detroit, and Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin, of Washington, are her children.

### STRIKERS' HOMES WRECKED

**Giant Powder Exploded Under Five of Them—No One Seriously Hurt by the Miscreant Deed.**

Newcastle, Colo., Dec. 18. — The homes of five striking coal miners were wrecked by explosions of giant powder. None of the inmates was seriously injured. Three suspects under arrest have been taken to Glenwood Springs for fear that they would be lynched if placed in jail here.

Bloodhounds were brought from Leadville to trail the dynamiters. A bag of dynamite and a hammer believed to belong to the perpetrators of the crime have been found. The city of Glenwood Springs has offered a reward of $10,000 for the apprehension of the dynamiters, and Governor Peabody has been asked to offer a reward.

### HAS CONCLUDED NOT TO TALK

**Perry S. Heath Says He Will Not Discuss the Postoffice Matter in the Press.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The presence of Perry S. Heath, secretary of the Republican national committee; Richard C. Kerens, member of the committee from Missouri, and several others of the committeemen, in Chicago attracted much attention in political circles. They met at the Great Northern and held a conference, after which Heath left for his home in Salt Lake City.

"I have made up my mind not to talk about the postoffice case," said Secretary Heath. "I prefer to let works, not words, tell my side of the story."

**Senate and House in Brief.**

Washington, Dec. 18. — The senate put in the whole open session listening to speeches on the Panama question, Hoar and Gorman attacking the administration's acts and Aldrich and Foraker — the latter principally — defending them. An executive session was held.

The house passed without division the pension appropriation bill, carrying $138,150,100. While the bill was under consideration there was a general discussion on Panama, rural free delivery, tariff and pensions.

**Wood's Case Postponed.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee on military affairs has decided to postpone action on the case of General Leonard Wood until Jan. 4. It is planned to go over the entire testimony that was introduced in the investigation of charges, and give time for the preparation of the majority and minority reports which will be made.

**National Game Protection Law.**

Washington, Dec. 18. — Lacey of Iowa has introduced a bill in the house for the protection of wild animals, birds and fish in the forest reserves of the United States.

### NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

President Roosevelt promptly signed the Cuban treaty bill and at once issued a proclamation declaring the treaty in effect on Dec. 27, 1903.

William J. Bryan has arrived at Moscow and has gone to visit Count Tolstoi. He will proceed to St. Petersburg today.

The R. R. Donnelley & Sons company, Chicago, has filed suit for $6,000 damages against Franklin union, No. 4, for damage done its business by the strike of press feeders.

President Roosevelt declined to consent to the use of his picture on the banner of the Roosevelt True Blue lodge of Orangemen at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Emperor William has gone on a big hunt in Hanover.

M. Comtesse, a member of the bundesrath from Neuchatel, has been elected president of Switzerland for 1904.

Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, has vetoed a bill recently passed by the city councils appropriating $16,000,000 for public improvements.

It is discovered that Secretary McKowen has stolen $40,000 from the funds of the University of California.

King Alfonso's visit to Portugal has come to an end.

The French senate has passed a bill appropriating $40,000 for the use of the labor societies in connection with their participation in the St. Louis exposition.

General Lew Wallace is at New York taking X-ray treatment for a cancerous affection of the nose.

# SUPREME COURT LAW

## Statutes Interpreted by the State Tribunal of Last Resort at Springfield.

### CLASH IS COMING AT CHICGO

**So It Appears, Between the City and a United States Court—State Miscellaneous News.**

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—The supreme court in reversing and remanding the case of Jacob Glos vs. Kingman & Co., hands down an important opinion relating to registration of titles under what is known as the Torrens land bill. It holds that evidence establishing title good as against the world is essential to warrant a decree awarding intitial registration of title.

**Assessment of Railway Property.**

In the case of the People vs. the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company the supreme court passed upon an important question affecting the jurisdiction of taxing bodies. On a railroad bridge used partly for railroad purposes and partly for toll the state board of equalization assessed its right-of-way purely. The local assessor assessed it as personal property. The court holds that the state board proceeded properly and the local assessor improperly.

**Northwestern Property Exempt.**

The court also decided that the fee of the property of Northwestern university in the downtown district of Chicago now occupied by the Illinois Trust Safety Deposit company is exempt from taxation. The board of review of Cook county exempted the fee of this property and assessed the leaseholders of the company. The court decided that the fee is exempt under the charter of the university, which contained a provision that all of the property of the university should be exempt from taxation.

**Bribery an Infamous Crime.**

Bribery is classed as an infamous crime by the supreme court in affirming the decree of the lower court in the case of Jim Christie against the people. Christie was charged with demanding $80 from H. S. Harris, candidate for sheriff. He pleaded not guilty, but upon trial was convicted and sentenced to disfranchisement. Christie contended that the statute under which he was convicted is in conflict with that part of the constitution which confers the right of the elective franchise upon resident citizens having the qualifications prescribed in that section, but the supreme court affirms the lower court's decision.

### CLASH LOOKS VERY PROBABLE

**Chicago Likely To Be in Contempt of a United States Judge Over Traction Matters.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—An order issued by Judge Grosscup, in the United States district court, is likely to precipitate a clash between the city authorities and the federal court. The order of Judge Grosscup was given to the receivers of the Chicago Union Traction company, and grants permission for the construction or over-head trolley wires in Lincoln avenue and Blue Island avenue.

Both the city council and the commissioner of public works had previously refused to grant a similar request. If the work of constructing the over-head wires in the two streets goes ahead, and the city authorities attempt to stop it, they would be in contempt of court for violation of an injunction of Judge Grosscup which forbids the city interfering with the receivers in properly carrying on the affairs of the traction company.

**Death of Judge Hutchinson.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Judge J. Hutchinson, who had been ill for several months, is dead. The cause of death was neuralgia of the heart, although the jurist has been suffering from a general breakdown of the system for some time past. Judge Hutchinson was born at Milford, N. H., Jan. 10, 1840.

**Bars a Chicago Attorney.**

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—By act of the supreme court Attorney Clement J. Belinski, of Chicago, a former member of the general assembly, is for ever debarred. Belinski secured a fictitious divorce decree for one of his countrymen and he remarried and was later charged with bigamy.

**They Must Join the U. M. W.**

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—The charter of the Illinois Hoisting Engineers has been revoked by the American Federation of Labor. This is a victory for the United Mine Workers of America, who have been seeking for several years to compel the engineers to affiliate with them.

**Burial of H. H. Keeran.**

Bloomington, Dec. 18.—The burial of Hanson H. Keeran, a well-known hydraulic elevator contractor of Chicago, occurred here. He was killed in an accident at Louisville. Keeran was 63 years old and leaves a widow and one brother, N. G. Keeran, living in Chicago.

**Man and Wife Badly Hurt.**

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe, of Osman, were probably fatally injured at that place, being struck by a Wabash train.

**Coal Shaft Burned Out.**

Virden, Ill., Dec. 18.—The Chicago Virden Coal company's shaft at Chatham, Ill., has been totally burned. The loss may reach $100,000.

# CRUCIBLE OF DEBATE

## Glows Pretty Hot in the Senate Over the Proceedings on the Isthmus.

### HOAR TACKLES OUR ACTION

**And Asks That All the Facts Be Given to the Senate**

**Before the Treaty Is Acted Upon—Gorman Follows in Similar View—Aldrich and Foraker in Defense.**

Washington, Dec. 18. — The senate was the scene of a most important debate on the isthmian canal question as affected by the president's recognition of the independence of the republic of Panama. The discussion began with a speech by Hoar on his resolution of inquiry. Hoar confined his remarks to his resolution, and they were carefully written out and read from manuscript. He criticised in sharp terms the conduct of this country, and compared the conduct of the United States on the isthmus to a policeman who would manacle and hold a person about to be attacked for robbery, and who would then insist on having the spoils of the theft delivered to himself.

**What Hoar Wants to Know.**

He said no man in the country desired more eagerly than himself to support the administration and act with his party associates. He also was favorable to the isthmian canal and was desirous that the present president of the United States should build the great waterway. But he was even more anxious that the canal should be built "without taint or suspicion of national dishonor." "What we want to know," he said, "did this government, knowing that a revolution was about to take place, so arrange matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption, and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it?"

**Pleads for All the Facts.**

Hoar said it was no justification of our course to say Colombia had failed to ratify the treaty for the construction of the Panama canal. Had the United States itself not failed to ratify many treaties? In conclusion he pleaded for all the facts and asked that they be sent to the senate through the usual official channels. "We are entitled to know the whole story," he said, "before taking action on the canal treaty, and we are entitled to know it officially, not through some individual senator, who may color it with his own views, or through the unofficial utterances of the representatives of some other government."

### GORMAN SOUNDS A KEYNOTE

**His Remarks Attract Attention as a Leader of the Democracy.**

Gorman took the floor as soon as Hoar had concluded, and there was from the start evident interest in what he might say. He said that Democratic senators generally are as favorable to the construction of the canal as are Republicans. He congratulated the country on the possession of a senator like Hoar. He next referred to the extension of the executive influence, saying that this influence had been ertended until "the senate had become practically the agent of the executive." He criticised the selection by the president of commissioners from the senate to negotiate treaties as a reprehensible practice, and declared that the Associated Press secured its suggestions as to information about events from the administration.

He also criticised executive interference in state politics, saying: "The president with doubtful propriety telegraphs his instructions to state conventions as to their actions." But none of these transgressions could be compared, he declared, to the action of the executive in connection with the affair in Panama. "It is," he said, "the most flagrant act of transgression that has ever taken place in the history of the country, and it should be resisted without regard to party."

Spooner, who was sitting just across the center aisle of the senate chamber, on the other side of which Gorman stood, suggested that a two-thirds vote would be necessary to ratify the treaty, to which Gorman assented, and then proceeded to criticise the speech made by Assistant Secretary Loomis before the Quill club in New York a few nights ago. He referred to the fact that the Panama treaty was at that time a secret document so far as official action was concerned.

Heretofore treaties similarly situated had been regarded as sacred by executive officials, and he did not believe that any secretary or assistant secretary should of his own motion or at the suggestion of "higher authority" violate this secrecy until the injunction of secrecy should be removed by the senate itself.

### MENTIONS LOOMIS BY NAME

**Refers to the President as a "Second Napoleon, Indeed.**

He had not so far mentioned Loomis by name, but he did at this point, and said Loomis had discussed the Panama situation at a banquet at which perhaps many were excited by wine, and had "given information which the senate had not had from the administration or from any other source. He did not tell the country all the facts, but he made the broad assertion that the president was a bold and great man, who had the courage and the patriotism to land marines and seize a part of the territory of the republic of Colombia, which we were under contract to guarantee to that country. This, in the light of the facts before us, is nothing less than usurpation."

Gorman then discussed the president as a "second Napoleon," which title had, he said, been assigned him by some. "A second Napoleon, indeed," he exclaimed. "Had it come to this that the United States must have a Napoleon to shape its destinies and to distort the presidential office from its proper functions."

Here Aldrich interrupted Gorman with a question as to whether it was the "purpose of the reconcentrated Democracy to defeat the treaty." Gorman said that it was not his practice to treat questions of international scope as a party man, and he believed that by the union of all the forces inclined to protect the best interests of the country its honor could be saved. He agreed, he said, that the canal must be built, but in the light of all the facts at present known it was even more important that the integrity of the American people should be preserved.

"Won't the senator go a step farther," asked Aldrich, "and state whether it is the purpose to reject the treaty?"

Gorman—I say to the senator from Rhode Island that if the case stands as it is now, with only the information the administration has furnished us to this hour, then we consider it a most objectionable transaction." He then criticised the president for not going to Nicaragua when Colombia rejected the treaty, and then coming back to Aldrich's inquiry, said: "Open your books and give us the information. If you fail to do it in this case; if the president will give us no further information than he has presented, speaking for myself, I cannot sustain him."

### FORAKER ATTACKS HOAR'S SPEECH

**Declares It an Attack on the Country and Is Much Shocked.**

When Gorman had concluded Foraker began an arraignment of Hoar's position, saying that he had felt no great surprise when the attack on the president had been made on the Democratic side of the chamber, but that he had been shocked when the senator from Massachusetts made the character of speech he did. An attack had been made not on the president alone, but upon the country, and that when the eyes of the world were on the United States.

After he had been speaking awhile Hoar asked permission to state his position again, as he said Foraker was misrepresenting him. Foraker at first refused, but finally consented, and Hoar said: "My point is this: I say that the president has said to the public and to the senate that he disclaims certain conduct as unworthy of him, and I called attention to the fact that the documents which he sent in failed to make that clear by not distinctly disclaiming that he, or the administration, had notice of that revolution, or that our forces had prevented the lawful government from anticipating that outbreak; that I believed from my knowledge of the president that his statement was actually true, and therefore I asked him to supply the lacking information by stating on what ground the administration proceeds in taking the step—that is all."

Foraker then declared he had not misrepresented a word Hoar had said: "What I said I understood to be the effect of his speech—that from the telegrams read he inferred the conclusion that there was direct contradiction of the statement of the president of the United States. Now, the president has stated there was no conference, no intrigue, and yet the senator from Massachusetts, reading these telegrams, demands that the president shall submit proof to him that he was telling the truth when he made the statement that he had not connived."

Foraker then proceeded to review briefly the history of the uprising on the isthmus, stating that the condition there was common knowledge to all newspaper readers. "Panama had a right if she saw fit, to go into rebellion. Weeks before she declared her independence it became known that she would take that step — not officially — but to every one who studied that situation and knew what human nature would do under the circumstances."

The administration at Washington, he said, was not unmindful of the situation, "and the president took the steps indicated by the telegrams and from which the senator from Massachusetts derives such conclusions." After another colloquy with Hoar the senator from Ohio concluded by stating that there was no real ground for criticism of the course of the administration in the Panama matter

**Chicago Wants Them Both.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The first step towards securing the next Democratic national convention for Chicago has been taken at a conference between National Committeeman Thomas Gahan and a number of other leaders in the party.

**Terrible Storm Raging.**

Odessa, Dec. 18.—A violent storm is raging in the Rostoff and Taganrog district. Over 100 small craft have not been accounted for. It is feared there will be considerable loss of life.

**Relief Voted for Butler.**

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—The chamber of commerce of this city has voted $500 to the Butler, Pa., relief fund.

### TURKEY MUST CLIMB DOWN

**Her Story and Our Story of the Alexandretta Affair Are Wide Apart.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—When Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the state department with another telegram from the Sublime Porte to the effect that the United States consul at Alexandretta, Davis, had treated the local police in a rough way and reiterating the explanation which the minister brought several days ago, he was politely informed that his explanation did not agree with the facts as the state department had learned them.

It was plainly indicated to the minister that the explanation sent by the porte was far from satisfactory, and that if it had been presented in the hope of tempering the vigorous policy already begun by the state department to obtain reparation and apology, the hope was a vain one. This vigorous policy is to send Davis back to his post on a man-of-war and exact apologies from Turkey.

### HITS DIETRICH ONCE MORE

**Grand Jury Finds Another Indictment Againt the Nebraska Senator—Also Against Lowe.**

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—Nineteen true bills were listed in the report made by the grand jury. Those bills of general interest are one against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice, and another against ex-State Senator Elliott Lowe for alleged conspiracy to bribe a United States senator.

The foregoing are indictments for practically the same offense as alleged before. Two more bills in the postal fraud cases are against Postmaster John S. Mitchell, of Alma, Neb., charged with illegal sale of postage stamps, and William M. Irwin, on a charge of acting as agent for Mitchell.

**Sues for Heavy Damages.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—Patrick H. Farrell, formerly district master workman of the Knights of Labor, has begun suit for $50,000 damages against Simon Burns, Henry H. Hicks, Thomas H. Canning, John Forneau, Maurice Carmody and Frank Yourison. Farrell sues because the defendants last January accused him of dishonesty.

**Will Crane Succeed Hanna?**

Washington, Dec. 18. — President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon ex-Governor Murray Crane and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Secretaries Root and Cortelyou. The political wiseacres say Crane is slated for Hanna's place in the Republican political management if Hanna refuses to act next campaign.

**Gen. Black to Succeed Proctor.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—The president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner, made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor, to General John C. Black, of Chicago. General Black is commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

**Marks for Confederate Graves.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—A favorable report has been ordered by the senate committee on military affairs on the bill providing for the appropriate marking of graves of soldiers and sailors of the Confederate army and navy.

**Base Ball Magnates Meet.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The magnates of the American Base Ball League at their annual meeting here rescinded the foul strike rule adopted last year as an experiment, and declared in favor of a schedule of 154 games.

**Drivers Go on a Strike.**

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Thirteen hundred livery and undertakers' drivers went on strike this morning to enforce a demand for a wage increase of $2 per week.

### THE WEATHER

Following is the official weather forecast up to 8 o'clock tonight:

Illinois and Indiana—Generally fair; warmer; variable winds, shifting to southerly.

Lower Michigan—Snow in west portion; variable winds.

Wisconsin—Snow flurries; rising temperature; increasing southerly winds.

Iowa—Partly cloudy, with possibly snow flurries in east portion; warmer; brisk southerly winds.

### THE MARKETS

**Chicago Grain.**

Chicago, Dec. 17.

Following were the quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today:

| Wheat— | Open. | High. | Low. | Clse. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| December .. | $ .78⅝ | $ .78½ | $ .78½ | $ .79 |
| May ..... | .81⅝ | .81⅝ | .81⅛ | .81⅜ |
| July ..... | .76¼ | .76½ | .76½ | .76¾ |
| Corn— | | | | |
| December .. | .42⅝ | .42¼ | .42⅜ | .41⅞ |
| May ..... | .43¾ | .43⅞ | .43⅝ | .43½ |
| July ..... | .43⅝ | .43½ | .43⅛ | .43⅛ |
| Oats— | | | | |
| December .. | .34⅞ | .34⅞ | .34⅜ | .34⅞ |
| May ..... | .36⅞ | .36⅞ | .35⅝ | .35⅝ |
| July ..... | .34 | .34⅛ | .33⅞ | .33⅞ |
| Pork— | | | | |
| January ..... | 11.37½ | 11.42½ | 11.37½ | 11.37½ |
| May ..... | 11.72½ | 11.80 | 11.72½ | 11.77½ |
| Lard— | | | | |
| January ..... | 6.37½ | 6.35 | 6.37½ | 6.37½ |
| May ..... | 6.57½ | 6.60 | 6.55 | 6.57½ |
| Short Ribs— | | | | |
| January ..... | 6.10 | 6.10 | 6.07½ | 6.07½ |
| May ..... | 6.22½ | 6.27½ | 6.22½ | 6.27½ |

**Chicago Live Stock.**

Chicago, Dec. 17.

Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 33,000. Sales ranged at $4.00@4.40 for pigs, $4.25@4.55 for light, $4.25@4.40 for rough packing, $4.25@4.70 for mixed, and $4.45@4.60 for heavy packing and shipping lots, with the bulk of the sales at $4.40@4.55 for fair to good averages.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 10,000. Quotations ranged at $5.30@5.75 for choice to extra steers, $4.60@5.20 for good to choice do., $4.20@4.70 for fair to good do., $3.40@4.20 for common to medium do., $3.30@5.50 fed western steers, $2.00@4.20 stockers and feeders, $1.25@4.50 cows, $2.50@4.20 heifers, $2.25@4.25 buls and oxen, $3.50@4.25 stags, $3.00@4.40 Texas steers, and $4.00@6.75 veal calves.

Sheep—Estimated receipts for the day, 12,000. Quotations ranged at $2.40@4.00 westerns, $2.50@4.25 natives, $3.90@4.00 yearlings, $3.40@6.00 western lambs, and $3.40@5.00 native lambs.


### PLEASED TO DO IT.

**North Dixon Citizens Gladly Speak Publicly on this Subject.**

The good deeds of Doan's Kidney Pills

Are spreading o'er the city,
Lifting burdens from aching backs,
Cures the pains of kidney ills.

Read the proof in a North Dixon man's words.

Mr. L. F Remley of 819 Ottawa avenue, North Dixon, says: "My experience with Doan's Kidney Pills gives me unlimited faith in that remedy. They do exactly as represented and do it quickly and thoroughly. Going to Leake Bros' drug store for a box I continued the treatment until serious backache and other symptoms of disordered kidneys disappeared. I had used previous to taking Doan's Kidney Pills more than one remedy, but I never obtained any permanent results, I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills with pleasure."

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Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute

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**Day by Day. That is the Fate of Many.**

**"DYING by INCHES"**

**Is What Their Friends Say of Them.**

**VITONA CURES!**

This is a fact which should be told to everyone who suffers from any seemingly incurable case of weakness that is undermining their constitutions. Tell them VITONA makes the nerves stronger Tell them VITONA is healing to the food and water pathways of the body and that it heals all internal irritation, helping digestion, curing weak kidneys, etc. Tell them VITONA enriches the blood, makes it circulate and makes it pure, thus vitalizing the whole body and making it stronger in every part, more full of life, etc. Tell them VITONA has proven itself to have more merit than any other remedy for building up a broken down constitution, for improving the entire physical and mental organization, and for making one feel more full of life and more able to perform all its duties.

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VITONA costs one dollar a bottle or six bottles for five dollars, and while THE VITONA Co, Coshocton, O. will continue to send it by express prepaid on receipt of price it is now obtainable in this County

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The through Chicago-Nashville sleeping car, now being carried on the Illinois Central R. R. on its Fast Mail from Chicago and arriving at Nashville, the next evening, will, on and after Sunday, November 15, be carried out of Chicago on its Fast Limited train leaving at 6:30 p. m., daily and arrive at Nashville at 9:25 the next morning. In addition to its up-to-date equipment, this train, leaving at 6:30 p. m., carries a dining car and a buffet library car out of Chicago. This Chicago-Nashville sleeper connects en route with through sleeping car, on same train, for Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, thus allowing passengers to change from the Chicago-Nashville to the through Jacksonville car while en route.

Tickets and full information of agents of the Illinois Central and connecting lines.

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THE everlasting gratitude of your sweetheart, parent or children by buying your Holiday Gifts at our store. We have a large and choice stock of Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware, Fine China and Ebony Goods to select from.

YOU will have little trouble in finding what you want. We keep the very best in the market. Come and let us assist you in selecting your Holiday Presents. NOW is the time.

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8 lbs California Prunes for.....25c
3 lbs Seedless Raisins for.....25c
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3 packages X-Cello Breakfast Food.....25c
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# Clothing Removal Sale

OUR 20 PER CENT REMOVAL SALE still continues. The marvelously low prices at which these goods are being sold can be appreciated only by the numerous purchasers that have visited the store.

THOSE desiring to give useful and practical CHRISTMAS PRESENTS should remember that this sale will continue through the entire Holiday period, until Jan. 1, 1904.

**MEN'S COATS**

Men's Fine Overcoats with and without belts, cut from 42 to 52 inches in length made of Kerseys, Meltons, Vicunas and fancy mixtures, sale price 5,20, $6.80, $8.00, $10,00. $10.00. $10.65, $12.00, $13.20, $14.40, $16.00, $18.00.



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## SECRETS OF OUR SUPREMACY.

In looking for the causes which underlie the supremacy of the United States in steel and iron trade, honesty and gratitude alike demand that first place be given to the marvelous natural resources of the country, for which there is no parallel anywhere in the world, says the Iron and Steel Number of the Scientific American. Not only has nature provided stores of iron ore, coal, and limestone in lavish abundance, but the supply itself is easy of recovery from its native beds, and advantageously placed for the transporting of its various elements to a common center; while the materials are of a quality that could scarcely be surpassed for economy of handling and treatment in mine, furnace, and mill. But although the fundamental secrets of our success are to be found in natural conditions, too much cannot be said in praise of the intelligence and skill with which the American ironmaster has risen to his opportunities. It is to the remarkable ingenuity shown in the production of labor-saving machinery that much of the cheapening of the cost of production is due, to say nothing of the broad administrative ability shown by the management of the great steel and iron works, in laying out the component parts of their establishments in such a way that the heavy tonnage which passes through these plants day by day shall proceed from the crude material to the finished product with the least possible amount of handling and trans-shipment. Lastly our iron and steel men, early in the history of the development of the industry, preceived and acted upon the fundamental economic fact, that for the cheap production of iron and steel, magnitude operations and combinations of capital are essential.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

### This Evening at Dixon College With Mt. Morris.

At 8 o'clock this evening in the college chapel there will be an intercollegiate debate between students of Dixon Callege and Mt. Morris College. This debate will be an interesting feature and will draw a large crowd the public being cordially invited to attend. Several musical numbers will fill out the program, which will be as follows:

Instrumental Duett.....Helen and Frank Gorham
Instrumental Duett.....Hazel Starkweather and Rachel Marks
Resolved: That the government of the United States is tending toward an Oligarchy.
Affirmative—Lloyd Holsinger and O. L. Clapper of Mt. Morris
Negative—S. W. Hurliman and John P. Devine of Dixon.
Vocal Solo—"He Was a Prince".....Miss Carrie Marshall
America.....Audience
Decision of Judges.....

PROF. GEO. C. HERITAGE, Pres.
MISS PEARLE RICHARDS, Sec.

## Steinmann Notes.

Miss Mary Beede entertained the students in Chapel Hall Wednesday morning by giving a selection entitled "Abbie's Accounts." The prolonged applause which followed, showed that it had been very much appreciated by the students.

The Christmas vacation begins next Thursday and continues until the following Wednesday.

J. A. Long has been suffering from a bad attack of the grippe for the past few days.

Fred Mosley is taking a post-graduate course at the college.

School was dismissed Monday afternoon so that some repairs could be made.

The social held at the college Friday evening was well attended. It was given for the benefit of the gymnasium.

The chemical laboratory will be improved and enlarged during the holidays. More chemicals and several complete sets of apparatus will be added, so that large classes will not feel crowded in the least hereafter.

James Koontz, our colored brother, is attempting to organize a class to learn the art of boxing. So far his efforts have met with great success.

Lester Bossemyre is taking work in the business department this winter. He is an old student of our college and we are glad to see him back again.

Miss Ethel Osbourn has been very sick for the past week, but is able to be around again.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT

### Nine Past Chancellors Entitled to Grand Lodge Degree.

The semi-annual election of Rock River lodge, Knights of Pythias, held Wednesday evening, resulted as follows:

Chancellor Commander—W. L. Bridges.
Vice Chancellor—J. B. Lennon.
Prelate—Max Rosenthal.
M. of Work—B. F. Snyder.
Keeper of Records and Seal—A. E. Simonson.
Master of Exchequer—Thomas Young.
Master of Finance—Phil N. Marks.
Master at Arms—H. E. Pumphry.
Inner Guard—James Fulton.
Outer Guard—Z. A. Gesler.
Trustees—W. G. Hartshorn, W. H. Winn, M. D. Smith.

The following Past Chancellors are entitled to receive the Grand Lodge degree at the special session to be held here sometime in February under the direction of G. C. W. G. Edens:

Henry S. Dixon, Walter E. Worthington, Timothy Sullivan, Phil N. Marks, Thomas Young, W. G. Hartshorn, C. E. Frisby, M. D. Smith, Charles A. Dement. A. E. Simonson received the degree in 1889 at Springfield.

Thomas Young has been reappointed District Deputy Grand Chancellor for the District of Lee by G. C. W. G. Edens of Chicago.

## REGISTERED ARTICLES.

### Should Be Mailed Several Days Before Christmas.

In order to insure prompt delivery, registered parcels should be mailed several days ahead, otherwise they are liable to be side tracked by first class matter, as the mail just before Christmas is extremely heavy, and often third and fourth class matter is delayed at that season of the year. Of course the greatest effort is made to get everything out by the postoffice force, but sometimes the mail is so heavy that it is impossible to do this. It is a bad plan to leave the sendidg of the Christmas presents until the day or the second day berore Christmas.

Calenders should be mailed by the 20th, or they, too, may be delayed for first or second class matter. If they are not mailed by the 20th they should be held until after Christmas.

The attention of the department has been called to the common practice that prevails in postoffices where telephones are installed, of answering inquiries made by strangers or by persons whose voices are not recognized by the postmaster or clerk who answers the telephone, concerinng mail matter in the office. Under section 549, P. L. and R., postmasters and all others in the postal service are prohibited from furnishing information concerning mail matter received or delivered except to the person to whom it is addressed or their authorized agents They attention of all postmasters and postal employees is called to this matter, and strict compliance with the regulation is enjoined by R. J. Wynne, first assistant postmaster general. Therefore don't get angry if the postoffice clerks insist on a complete identification before giving out information to those with whom they are not familiar.

## ABLE COURSE OF ADDRESSES

### By Rev. Rife Before the Yonng People of Dixon.

The Epworth League is pleased to announce that Rev. E. O. Rife, pastor of Grace Evangelical church has consented to deliver for them during January the series of addresses on "Timely Topics," which he gave in his church last month.

These addresses on the "Dance," the "Card Table" and the "Theatre" were very helpful and practical, full of kindliness and good common sense, and those who heard them desired to secure a larger hearing of town people.

The series will be given at the Methodist church on Friday nights and it is the intention to invite the congregations and especially the young people's societies of all the other churches to attend.

## Property Transfers.

J W Leland to Henrietta Plein pt lot 14 blk 12 Dement's add Dixon--$3,350.

Union State Bank to Edward Hughes pt lot 7 blk 6 Dixon--$2,000.

O J Rosbrook to Edward Hughes pt Huff's Reserve Dixon—$150.

L E Bradshaw to Jacob Kramm lots 27 and 28 blk 4 Geisinger's sub Compton—$2,100.

Jacob Kramm to J E Mannau lot 6 and pt 5 blk 4 Compton—$1,100.

J W Gilmore to Regina J Gilmore lot 8 and pt 7 blk 11 Compton--$300.

Louisa F Ives to W W Weygandt lot 4 blk 1 Brittain's add Pawpaw--$700.

E T Leete to W H Christopher qcd pt sw pt nw 23 Amboy--$1.

Wm B Holley to Carl Bettin pt lots 5 and 6 Tolman's add Franklin Grove--$75.

## WAS BURNED IN HOUSE

### Woman's Body Charred as in the Hensel Case Found in Bureau County.

## WOMAN HAD BEEN LIVING ALONE

### Body Partly Consumed When Fire Was Discovered by Neighbors.

Mrs. Elvira Shipp, of Wayanet, about eight miles southwest of Princeton in Bureau county, was burned to death in her residence Friday afternoon, and the charred condition of the remains were found to be similar in some respects to those of the famous Hensel case, where the body of Mrs. Charles A. Hensel was so badly injured in the fire that destroyed the granary. At Wyanet the interior of one room was on fire, but the effect of the heat was sufficient to consume one foot to a point within two inches of the knee joint, and to burn away the flesh from the other foot to the knee, leaving only the charred bones and a few ligaments. The walls and covering of the abdomen were entirely burned away and much of the flesh was burned from the face. The scalp of the head was burned nearly through. There was no hair remaining on the back of the head as in the Hensel case. Aside from the absence of the hair from the back of the head the body was in a condition similar to that of Mrs. Hensel, the only thing being that in this case the limbs were not burned to so great an extent as they were in the Hensel case. An important feature to be determined is the length of time the room was on fire and on this point it has been impossible to fix the exact time. There is no suspicion of foul play and the fire is believed to have started accidentally. In the Hensel case the body lay in the fire about an hour and a half, and the building burned so fiercely that the walls and roof fell in.

Friday after dinner a young woman who lives close by made the remark to another young woman who was visiting at the house that her neighbor, Mrs. Shipp, must have a warm fire for she noticed considerable smoke coming from the chimney. At 2 o'clock O. H. Aldrich, the village drayman, was driving along the street and noticed smoke forcing itself from the cracks of the doors and windows of the kitchen. He went to the door and found it locked and threw his strength against it until he broke in. As the door opened he saw the room was filled with flames and an alarm of fire was given. The village fire department turned out and after an effort of forty-five minutes the fire was extinguished sufficiently, so that C. H. Pottorf, a harnessmaker of Wyanet, was enabled to enter the room. There he found lying on the kitchen floor the burued and charred remains of Mrs. Shipp. However Olds, a young hardware merchant, and chief of the fire department also entered the kitchen and viewed the remains. The coroner at Princeton was then notified.

Since the death of Mr. Shipp, about eight years ago, Mrs. Shipp has been living alone and her children have been aiding her in her support. What caused the fire and the incidents immediately following will probably never be known.

One theory at Wyanet concerning the cause of death is that when Mrs. Shipp was replenishing the fire her clothing caught fire and the fright caused a paralytic stroke rendering her unconscious and unable to give an alarm. This theory is born out by the tea kettle on the stove only covering half of the griddle hole where it belonged. Also that one of her arms was bent under her body is an unnatural position.

## Wash by Electricity.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A Smith in Elgin there is an electric washing device which cleanses clothes in fifteen minutes. The affair is in the basement, where a one-horse motor furnishes power to force the water through the clothes with such strength as to remove all the soil from the clothing in 15 minutes or less. The belt is then attached to a patent wringer, which drys them in the same length of time.

—A handsome baby girl at the home of Charles Gleim and wife is the latest addition to the cencus of Ashton township.

—Miss Betsey Emmett of Woodstock, Ill, is expected tomorrow evening to spend the holidays with her relative, Miss Dot Downing.

—Mrs. Fred Barkley of St. Charles, daughter of Patrick Doyle of Woosung, and sister of Mrs. Jesse Allen of this city, is the mother of a baby boy which arrived last week. Miss Sarah Doyle, her sister, left yesterday to visit with herover the holidays.


# THE CHRISTMAS SALE

## is on in earnest at the

# R. W. Thompson Store

FROM store opening to store closing time weare busy with seekers of useful and ornamental things for the HOLIDAY season Every day finds us with more customers to handle
You will help yourself and us by coming early. We have never before been so well equipped to serve the wants of all in their HOLIDAY purchases. A few hints as to what would make a nice gift—Umbrellas, Hand Bags, Shirt Waist Boxes, Slipper Boxes, Fancy Collars, Furs, Slumbering Robes, Fancy Waistings, Dress Goods, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Bed Spreads, Gloves, Laundry Bags, Pillow Topps, Dresser Scarfs, Pillow Shams. We are showing the most beautiful line of Handkerchiefs ever seen in the city and hundreds of other things, too numerous to mention. 100 Ladies' Dress and Walking Skirts to be sold regardless of cost. Big Cut on Cloaks and Tailor Made Suits.

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Ladies' fur trimmed Juliets in Blue, Black and Olive Green Beaver and Fancy Velvets nicely made, perfectly smooth innerseams and insoles. Nice line of Men's Slippers in fine Vici Kid, Beaver and Velvet ranging in price from 75c to $1.50 We are showing an exclusive line of Old Ladies Shoes in felt and genuine lambs wool quilted linings, warm and cozy and on sale at no other store in Dixon. A pair of "$3 special" shoes makes a very acceptable gift for the ladies. New line just received including the new high heels. Christmas gifts purchased here will be exchanged after Christmas or money refunded.

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110 E. First St., Opposite Express Office.

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# A $45 Christmas Present FREE!

Remember that every cash purchase entitles you to a guess on the number of shot in bottle displayed on FAVORITE STEEL RANGE in our show window. The person guessing the exact number or neares nuber of shot will be given this $45.00 Steel Range. This Range will be given away Christmas Eve.

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Sale of seats at Todd's Hat Store



A CHRISTMAS PLEASURE.

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OUR Plumbing service makes happiness wherever it is introduced. Some new fixture or appliance for the bath room would be a gift all the family could enjoy. We can make this Christmas the happiest of all.

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111 East First St.—Next to Express Office.


—John Lennon is quite ill.

—O. B. Dodge is in Madison, Wis., on business.

—A. A. Weber was here from Camp Grove last evening.

—Attorney J. E. Lewis and William Shaw are up from Amboy.

—Atty. A. G. Harris is home from a two days stay at Ashton.

—G. B. Miller of Milledgeville spent yesterday and today in the city.

## TODAY'S GRAIN REPORT

Furnished by the E. H. Prince Commission Co., U. S. Bank Building.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17, 1903

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | | | |
| Dec..... | 79½-79 | 79⅞ | 79 | 79⅞ |
| May..... | 81½-½-⅝ | 82½ | 81½ | 82½-½b |
| July..... | 76⅝ | 76¾ | 76⅝ | 76¾b |
| Corn— | | | | |
| Dec..... | 41¾-⅞ | 42 | 41⅞ | 42 |
| May..... | 43½-⅝ | 43¾ ⅞ | 43½ | 43¾ |
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| July..... | 33⅞ | 33¾-34 | 33⅞ | 33¾34 |

### Modern Woodmen Comes of Age.

On January 5th next will occur the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the Modern Woodmen of America. Head Consul Talbot has issued a circular to the members requesting that each of the 11,000 local camps with their 700,000 membership meet in the evening of that day in their separate halls and duly observe the "coming of age." It is suggested that the event be public and literary and musical programs and refreshments be provided.

—Miss Belle Mitchel today returned to her home at Howard, Ill., after a three month's visit at the home of her uncle, Supt. Chas. W. Groves.


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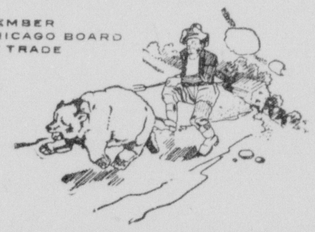

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## MRS. EDDY CALLS DENTIST

### Editor Buckley Says She Was Unable to Suppress Toothache.

New York, Dec. 16.—Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, is fiercely attacking Christian Science and its chief advocate, Mary Baker Eddy. He declares Mrs. Eddy does not practice what she preaches. As an instance he relates that she had a toothache and instead of bringing to bear her fundamental principles she sent out for a dentist. More than that, she was placed under the influence of an anasesthetic. Dr. Buckley laid particular stress upon this story, saying it was authentic and could not be disproved.

### Thought Fitzsimons Hit Him.

Frank Burke is suffering from the effects of a badly swollen forehead and a pair of black eyes, the result of an accident while working at a buzz-saw Wednesday afternoon, says the Sterling Gazette. Mr. Burke was at his work in Peck's gun stock factory, when a piece of wood was thrown with great force from the saw which he was operating. The piece struck him on the forehead between the eyes, knocking him down and rendering him partially unconscious. The accident was very painful, but it will not be attended with serious results.

### A Good Time Expected.

Invitations are out for "a good time dance" in G. G. Rosbrook's hall on next Wednesday evening, December 23, and as the committee in charge always aims to satisfy their patrons a good time is sure to be had. The Polo orchestra, which always has had a good reputation as a musical organization and is berter now than ever, has been engaged. With the latest of dance music no doubt but what those who attend will highly enjoy the music and the dancing.

### Challenge for Amboy Bowlers.

The Colts bowling team are anxious for a match game with the Amboy champions and have authorized the TELEGRAPH to issue a challenge in their behalf, the game to be held at the Opera Block bowling alleys in Dixon on New Years day. The usual rules will prevail should the challenge be accepted.

### At Wisconsin University.

The members of the senior class of the university at Madison made Wednesday evening the occasion of their first appearance in caps and gowns, as is the custom at the annual senior swing out.

### Entertained With Cards.

Mrs. J. H. Miller entertained a number of her friends with cards Thursday afternoon.

—John H. Davis is here from Polo.

—Miss Mamie Fritz is here from Beatrice, Neb., on a visit at the E. Fritz home.

—All members of St. Paul's Lutheran church choir are requested to meet tomorrow night at 7:30 for rehearsal.

—Miss Marcella Kelly will return home this evening from the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy to spend the holidays with her parents, J. W. Kelly and wife.


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## AGAINST THE FOUL STRIKE.

### Base Ball Magnates So Declare at Meeting in Chicago Yesterday.

After an all-day session at the Auditorium in Chicago yesterday, the American League declared unanimously against the foul strike rule. A committee composed of Magnates Comiskey of Chicago, Kilfoyl of Cleveland and Farrell of New York was appointed to confer with the National League representatives at the joint meeting of the rules tommittees, in which the American Leaguers will put up a strong fight against the present foul strike clause, but the committee will meet the National League men without being bound to any positive instructions. This action and the announcement that the American League season would begin on April 15 and consist of 154 games were the pridcipal developments of the day's session at the conclusion of which an adjournment was taken until this morning.

## ORIENT HOUSE LOSS

### Tom Young Receives Settlement of Insurance on Polo Hotel.

J. B. Faatz of Chicago, special agent and adjuster of the Northwestern National Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, was here today and adjusted the insurance on the recent Orient hotel fire at Polo. The building was owned by Thomas Young of this city and was insured in the Glenns Fall Insurance Co. for $850 and in the Northwestern National for the same amount. Mr. Faatz is adjuster for both companies and Mr. Young will receive the total amount of insurance, $1700.

### A Malicious Report.

A malicious report is in circulation that the children of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Self have scarlet fever. The attending physician states that there is no truth in the report. Two of the children have had severe colds but have not been confined to the house any length of time. The child who is ill is afflicted with yellow jaundice.

### Her Eighteenth Birthday.

A number of the friends of Miss Faith Neighbour surprised her at her home last evening, the occasion being the young lady's eighteenth birthday. Refreshments were served, games played and the affair was one of much pleasure for all concerned.

### How Could It Be a Mistake?

What a woman doesn't know about newspapers isn't worth knowing. The other morning Mrs. B. was talking to her husband.

"I notice in the Daily Hoodoo that Mr. Biffkins died on Sunday."

"It's a mistake, my dear," replied the husband. "He died on Monday."

"But the paper said Sunday."

"I know it, but it was an error in the print."

"I thought so, too, at first, but I got a half dozen copies of the paper, and it was the same in all of them. They certainly couldn't have made the mistake over and over again."

The husband tried to convince her, but it was no use, and he gave it up.

### A Rural Financier.

"I suppose you'd like to make about 1,000 per cent on a little investment while you're in the city," remarked the confidence man.

"You bet I would!" replied the financier from the farm.

"Well, how much can you put into the deal?"

The farmer gave the matter thoughtful consideration.

"Well," he said at last, "if it's a sure thing there's no use goin' too strong at the start. I'll invest a dime right now, an' then I'll invest the profit on that when I get it, an' so on up as long as it works."—Chicago Post.

### Educational.

Highland Schoolmaster—Norman, did you ever see an elephant?

Norman—Noh, sir.

H. S.—Haf you seen one, Tonald?

Donald—Noh, sir.

H. S.—Hamish, haf you ever seen an elephant?

Hamish (eagerly)—Yes, sir.

H. S.—You are a coot poy, Hamish. Go up top.—John Bull.

### What Bothered Him.

"Dar's one thing bothers me 'bout de hereafter," said Brother Williams.

"En what's dat?"

"Dis thing er livin' on milk en honey."

"Don't you like it?"

"No; it always did gimme de dyspepsia!"—Atlanta Constitution.

—Messrs. M. M. Thompson and Robert Booth of Erie were here last evening and today.

—Miss Ruth Dysart returned to Nachusa this morning after a visit with Miss Vernie Merriman.

—Miss Elsie Emmett will arrive tomorrow from Boston for a visit with relatives and with her friend, Miss Eudora Downing.

—The Rosbrook family residence is closed and Miss Nonie will make her home for the winter with her brother, Frank Rosbrook, of Bluff Park.

## CONCERNING LABOR AND HOME INDUSTRIES

NOTE—Contributions for this Department must be brief and of local significance and interest.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LABEL DIXON, ILL.

### Freeport Feels Reduction.

The Freeport shops have not been excepted in the orders issued recently from headquarters of the Illinois Central company for a reduction of forces all over the rystem. Forty-eight men and their helpers, as well as unskilled laborers were laid off Wednesday night at the shops and the company expects to struggle through the winter with only about two-thirds of it regular force. The lay off, which means a reduction of at least $40,000 a month in the Freeport pay roll, will be felt by the merchants of that city, and with the winter just setting in it is a very serious matter for the men dismissed.

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There are 107,848 dressmakers employed by firms in London, Eng. The highest wages obtainable—except in the case of about a dozen heads of departments—are 18 shillings, or $4 a week.

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Shingle mills of Castle Rock and Kelso, Wash., have been closed down because of a strike among the shingle weavers. This state of affairs is due to the continued low price of shingles.

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Journeymen barbers are determined to resist the opening of barber shops in Montreal, Can., on Sunday, and will oppose strenuously any effort made to repeal the by-law now in effect.

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Twelve hundred steamfitters at work on the fair buildings at St. Louis have gone out, and will not resume work until their differences with the association can be settled.

### Cribbiug Soft Corn.

Here is an interesting item for farmers in this county who have had trouble with cribbing damp and soft grain. A Moultrie county farmer has tried successfully a new plan for cribbing corn and oats. He simply places tiles in the crib, the expense being small. After a layer of a few feet of corn he places a layer of tile a few feet apart. They can be inserted either horizontally or paralell, with sticks running through to keep them in place. Tiles permit a free circulation of air through the grain and absorb a large amount of moisture. The scheme is said to be admirably adapted for cribbing soft corn, and the grain always dries out without the least heating.

### Wahl Ice House Being Filled.

J. Wahl & Son today started filling their ice house for next summer's use. The storehouse holds about 400 tons and the work of filling it in charge of Ed. Rippert. The ice will run from seven to ten inches in thickness.

### Masons to Ashton.

Several of the Masonic fraternity of Dixon have gone to Ashton to participate in the conferring of the third degree on two candidates this evening.

### Eastern Star Meeting Tonight.

A meeting of Dorothy Chapter, O. E. S., will be held this evening.

### Excursion Rates for the Holidays.

On Dec. 24th-25th and 31st, 1903, and Jan. 1, 1904, the Illinois Central will sell round trip tickets to points on their line within 200 miles at one and one-third fare. Tickets will be limited to Jan. 4th, 1904.

### Minstrels Tomorrow Night.

Gideon's Big Minstrels, which comes to the Opera House for an engagement matinee and night Dec. 19, is a welcome announcement to the fun and laughter loving portion of the public.

The management of this large organization, stated to a reporter that they have outdone all previous efforts this season and have secured the services of all well known favorites. Novel, elaborate stage settings and costumes have taxed the scenic artists and costomer's skill and ingenuity have been prepared to delight the eye, while the world of music have been probed to its innermost depths for effects to charm the ear.

Last season's favorite, Skinner Harris is still holding down the end with the company and is ably assisted by Dan Des Dunes, Mat Turner, Frank Kirk and Tom Jefferson. A novelty street parade will be given at 12 o'clock.


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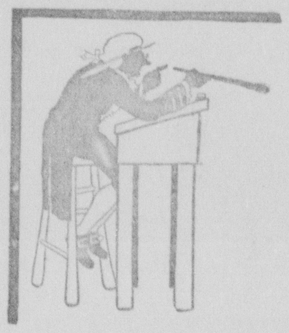

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No. 31.


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# An HONORABLE DECEPTION

By F. A. Allmuth

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"WELL, it's 12 o'clock, boys. Game's up."

The five other card players all consulted their watches and acquiesced. Cards were gathered up and chips cashed in. There was a general pushing back of chairs preparatory to rising.

"Don't go yet, boys," said the host. "Here we've been sitting for over three hours so intent on the business of poker playing that scarcely a sociable word has passed among us. Come help yourselves to cigars, draw your chairs up about the fire, and we'll act for awhile like the six good friends we are instead of like a lot of machines. I'll turn the lights low, and if any one knows a good poker story, for I suppose we won't be able to rid ourselves entirely of the atmosphere on such short notice, let's hear it."

There followed a short silence except for the crackling and sputtering of the logs. One man, the oldest of the sextet, uncrossed his legs, rested his elbows on his knees and his chin on his hands and gazed intently at the fire. He seemed to succeed in conjuring up among the glowing embers the scenes and faces he was seeking to recall, for shortly, without changing his position except to shove his feet a little nearer the blaze, he began slowly and reminiscently:

"My friends, I pride myself on being an honest man. I have earned that reputation among you and in the world at large, and I mean always to keep it. I'd rather lose every penny I possess than have the shade of a doubt cast on my name. Not one of you here tonight but would strongly resent a statement by any person to the effect that I had ever swindled a man either in business or in gambling. Am I not right in this? I feel and know that I am, and yet I once cheated at cards. Yes, and not only cheated, but defrauded my victim out of his last cent, and that while he lay dying before me."

He paused, and the others drew their chairs closer, for he spoke in a low voice, and they were by this time deeply interested. The speaker did indeed bear the honest reputation he had claimed, and the idea of his being accused of cheating at cards, even by himself, seemed almost a profanation. He never stirred from the position he had assumed and after a moment or two proceeded with his tale:

"I was but twenty-five at the time. It was just before I established myself here in New York, and I had gone to Washington to complete the sale of my Philadelphia residence to a gentleman living in the capital and there ran across an old college chum, who made me known to several other gentlemen also stopping at our hotel, with the result that we got together every evening over a friendly game of cards. The stakes were kept small, as not one among us was in the game for anything but amusement.

"The last night of my stay there a new member was introduced to our little circle. His name was unfamiliar to me, and yet I could have sworn I had seen his face somewhere, and I remember an unaccountable sense of loathing that filled me whenever I looked at him. However, as he did not seem to recognize me I forbore mentioning the matter.

"From my friend who had introduced him to us I gleaned that he was a man

HE BEGAN SLOWLY AND REMINISCENTLY.

in good circumstances and living at the time in Washington. He had met him the year before out west. Hargrave was a good fellow, he said, and generous, but hinted that the man's private life was not above reproach. When pressed by me, he admitted that he had heard some vague rumors of a deserted wife. He begged me not to mention these matters to the others present and said apologetically that he would not have brought the man among us had it not been that Hargrave had treated him splendidly when they last met, and he felt under obligations to him.

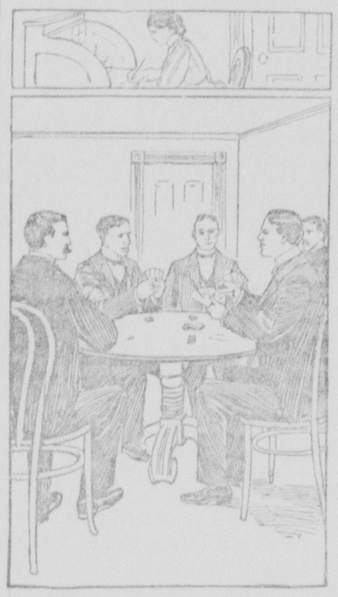
"The more I looked at Hargrave the more positive I grew that I had seen him before, and under circumstances not to his credit. And during the first hour's play I devoted more time to puzzling over his features than I gave to the game, with the result that I lost some money through listless playing.

"Then a jackpot was started, and I opened it on the third deal with a pair of kings. All went in, the newcomer with evident alacrity. I drew three cards, he two. I started with the limit bet of 50 cents. Unlikely as it may seem and more like a poker story than the truth, I had drawn another pair of kings, thus practically insuring me victory. However, I disliked taking the others' money on what seemed a sure thing—it was a friendly game, remember—and decided to 'call' when there was sufficient money in the pot to make up my early losses.

"Hargrave raised me the limit with ill suppressed excitement; the others 'called.' I followed, 'raising' Hargrave 50 cents. He quickly followed suit, and the others dropped out, leaving only him to contend with. This pleased me, for I had still $4 or $5 to make up, and somehow I didn't mind taking his money. So I went him fifty better. He then abruptly asked me if I were willing to take off the limit.

"I glanced at his excited face as he made the request and recognized him.

"Four years before this time a young widow of my acquaintance in Philadelphia had married. She was talented,



I GLANCED AT HIS EXCITED FACE.

handsome and well to do. She was liked by all who knew her, and we decried her sudden marriage to the handsome stranger who had appeared among us only a short time before. However, we hoped all would turn out well, contrary to our forebodings. He seemed to love her, and she plainly worshiped him.

"All went well for a few months, and we were ready to acknowledge having misjudged the man when he left as suddenly as he had come, and with him disappeared practically all her wealth, which, it seems, she had turned over to him 'to carry on his business on a larger scale.' He was hunted for everywhere, but had left no trace, and after nearly a year of fruitless effort on the part of her friends and the police the search was given up. The poor little woman was prostrated with grief, and her life was despaired of. But she was brave, recovered and was at the time of my story earning a living by writing for the magazines. She endeared herself the more to her friends by her fortitude, and there were some among these that never gave up hope of finding the man who had so foully deceived her. I was especially incensed against him, for she was so close and dear a friend of my family that we almost felt her to be one of us, and whenever a clew to his whereabouts had presented itself I had followed it up relentlessly, and more than once, as I afterward found, I nearly had him, but he had always succeeded in slipping through my fingers. However, he had learned one thing—he had a determined enemy who would never let him rest till he found him.

"And here he was at last. It was a wonder to me that, after hearing my friend's account of 'Hargrave,' I did not recognize him immediately in spite of his false name and the changes he had made in his appearance. Should I denounce him then and there? There would perhaps be some difficulty in establishing his identity. I glanced at my four kings. No; I would wreak vengeance upon him in a subtler way, avoiding scandal, yet none the less surely righting the wrongs my friend had sustained at his hand. To beat the cards I held he must have either a 'straight flush' or four aces. I reasoned that since he had drawn two cards the former was out of the question, and for both four kings and four aces to appear on the same deal seemed unlikely in the extreme. Such things occur only in stories. He had probably held 'three of a kind' and had drawn a 'pair,' thus completing a 'full house.' Since I had asked for three cards he felt sure he had me beaten; hence the supreme confidence that caused his request. I had him at my mercy. I would ruin him. Would I take off the limit? Rather!

"He raised me $10. I went him $25 better. He replied with $100 more. I was by this time nearly as excited as he and was bent on ruining him. In order to accomplish this I had, of course, to get him to wager on his hand all he possessed, which should have been in the neighborhood of $10,000. It was time we had reached higher figures. I raised him $500 amid the protestations of my friends.

"He looked at me, and there was on his face the fiendish joy felt by a man when he has a hated victim by the throat. A glance of mutual recognition passed between us. It was evident that neither would give in while he had a dollar left. I had difficulty in repressing a smile as I thought of how this duel with money must end. The end came sooner than I had hoped.

"'Will the gentleman be so kind as to make out a check for the total amount wagered so far? It has grown rather large, and we'd better have things straightened out before we go on. I will do likewise.' And with trembling fingers he drew a checkbook from his pocket.

"We wrote checks for equal amounts, but he did not intend to call me.

"'You are a notary, sir,' he said, turning to my friend. 'I have, as you know, property worth $10,000 in Chicago. I wish to wager this on my hand. Will you kindly make out a paper deeding this over to our friend here?' And he cast a look of hatred in my direction.

"Nothing could have suited me better. He was evidently wagering the last cent he had. Of course to lose would have meant my ruin. But how could I lose? I watched his face while the deed was being made out and tried to pity him, but I could not. I would call him and thus regain her property for the woman he had wronged. I had just completed the sale of my Philadelphia home and so had the necessary amount in ready money at the bank. I quietly made out a check for $10,000 and waited for the notary to complete his work. The others saw that this was a private quarrel, that we were both in deadly earnest, and forbore to interfere. My excitement was almost gone. It seemed too easy.

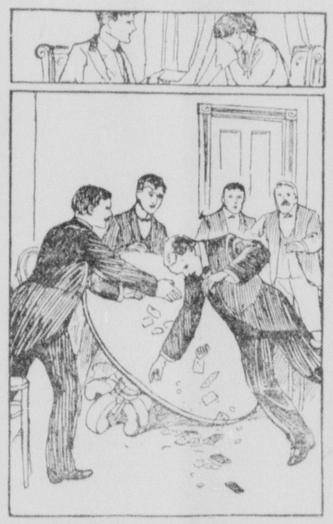
"Not so with my adversary, however. His whole body shook with suppressed excitement, his face was fiery red, and the veins stood out like knotted cords. I have never seen a man in such a state before or since. Finally the deed was ready, properly signed and witnessed, and the notary handed it to him. His hand shook so it dropped to the floor. He got down clumsily to pick it up. Rising, he shook the paper in my face, saying in a thick voice hardly audible, 'There's my raise, and, hang you, I dare you to call me!'

"His face was purple now, and the paper in his hand was fluttering as though in the current of air from an electric fan. I rose and faced him.

"'Sir,' said I, 'we understand each other. Never have I been accused of taking another person's money on a sure thing, but this is an exceptional case, and I feel no compunction. There is my check for $10,000. I call you.'

"With a howl that sounded strangely like one of joy he staggered forward to pick up his cards. Suddenly he swayed like a drunken man and before he could be caught lurched sideways to the floor, upsetting the table, with all that it held, the blood gushing from his mouth and nose. We all gathered around him. He was unconscious. The excitement had brought on a stroke of apoplexy. The doctor that came at once in response to our summons did what he could for him, but it was soon plain that he had played his last game. However, he did regain consciousness just long enough to look wildly about him and mutter, 'Give it all to her!' He seemed to take it for granted he had won. He was rapidly sinking. 'What was your hand?' they asked him. I had already shown mine.

"He did not hear. They were convinced that I held the winning hand,



SUDDENLY HE SWAYED LIKE A DRUNKEN MAN.

yet to make it all straight they wanted his word as to his own hand, for it was impossible to pick it out from the confusion of cards on the floor. So they shouted the question at him again and again. Finally, just as he seemed about to pass off, he rallied slightly and opened his eyes.

"'What was your hand?'

"'Four eights' appeared to come to us in a faint whisper. And he closed his eyes forever.

"The papers and cards were picked up. I explained the situation, and all agreed that I had acted properly. I returned to Philadelphia, broke the news to the now doubly widowed lady and gave her money back to her, telling her he had wished it so and that his last moments were full of repentance. She sorrows over that wretch to this day."

There was a silence. The fire was low now and filled the room with a ruddy glow. The story teller rose and yawned. He picked up his coat and put it on.

"Well, four kings beat four eights. Where did the cheating come in?"

His coat was buttoned now. He placed his hat on his head and walked toward the door, turning as he reached it.

"He meant to say four *aces*, but his breath didn't last him. All he said was 'four *ace*.'"

"You speak confidently. Remember, you told us the cards were mixed together on the floor. Perhaps, after all, he really had four eights."

He looked the questioner full in the face and spoke slowly and distinctly:

"No; my hand consisted of four kings and an *eight*."

## ANIMALS NEVER IDLE.

### They Manage to Keep Very Busy Without Doing Very Much.

How is it that birds and beasts manage to pass through life without succumbing to ennui, or, at least, without being bored nearly to death? Animals, as a rule, do not loaf. It is not thus that they solve the problem. Loafing is an art which but few living creatures understand. Lizards, crocodiles and chaprassis are the greatest authorities on the subject. Animals have acquired the knack of making much ado about nothing; they have learned to be very busy without doing anything. This accomplishment obviously differs from that of loafing. It is one which animals have brought to perfection and of which many human beings, chiefly women, are very able exponents. There is overhead a wasp busily exploring the holes in the trunk of a tree. Why he does this he probably does not know; he has no time to stop and think. He is quite content to explore away as though his life depended upon it. Five times within the last six minutes he has minutely inspected every portion of the same hole. All his labor is useless, in a sense; without it, however, the wasp would in all probability die of ennui. The wasp is not an isolated case. Most animals are experts at frittering away time; they spend much of their lives in actively doing nothing. Watch a canary in a cage. He hops backward and forward between two perches as though he was paid by the distance for doing so. Look at a butterfly. It leads an aimless existence. Nevertheless it is always busy. A bee probably visits twenty times as many flowers in the day as a butterfly; for all that the butterfly is always on the move.

When speaking of the swift, I notice how long it took to find the materials for its nest, how it went afar off to seek that which was at its feet. This, although the result of stupidity, is doubtless a blessing to the bird. Nest building affords great pleasure to the bird—the more protracted the amusement the better for the architect. The squirrel labors from early morn till late eve laying up a store of nuts. When one storehouse is full, the industrious animal opens another and then proceeds to forget the existence of the first. Lastly, animals spend no inconsiderable portion of the day in play. Nearly all the higher animals indulge in play; some go so far as to play regular games.—Times of India.

## WISDOM OF NOVELISTS.

It is mostly the women who are the gamesters, the men only the cards.—Thomas Hardy.

Cynicism is merely the art of seeing things as they are instead of as they ought to be.—Robert Hichens.

There is no man so much at the mercy of his own vanity as he who enjoys a limited notoriety.—Seton Merriman.

A wise man reduces his affairs to a minimum and his interests in the affairs of his neighbors to less.—Seton Merriman.

It is his sweetheart a man should be particular about. Once he settles down, it does not much matter whom he marries.—J. M. Barrie.

Good finance is knowing how to utilize the fullness of other people's pockets without revealing the emptiness of one's own.—Richard Bagot.

A person who can't argue is like a person who can't chew. He swallows the facts of life unprepared for digestion.—Sara Jeannette Duncan.

### The Vote Was a Failure.

The worthy Sunday school superintendent was illustrating the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Superintendent—If I want to raise a crop of turnips what sort of seed must I sow?

Children—Turnip seed.

Superintendent—If I want to raise a crop of tomatoes what kind of seed must I sow?

Children—Tomato seed.

Superintendent—Very good. Now, if you want to raise a crop of good manhood what kind of seed must you sow?

And an observer who kept tally reported that the school on test vote was a tie between turnip seed and tomato seed.

### A Vicious Fish.

In South America there is a small fish that not only attacks its fellows of the sea and river, but is greatly dreaded by the natives, who during certain seasons have to ford the streams in which the carbitos are found. Bathers are often attacked by them, the sharp, chisel shaped teeth taking a bit from the flesh wherever they attack. They are perfect scavengers, eating the animals that float down the river—dead or alive.

### Jealous Man.

Mrs. Pretty—Isn't it strange? Mrs. Beauti has not put on mourning for her husband.

Mr. Pretty—I understand that her late husband particularly requested that she should not.

Mrs. Pretty—The brute! I suppose he knew how lovely she would look in it.—Pick-Me-Up.

### A Difficult Mix.

"Horace says, 'Mingle a little folly with your wisdom.'"

"Yes, that's easy enough. But it's another matter when it comes to mingling a little wisdom with your folly."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Not Always So.

Tess—So you've broken with him?

Jess—Yes. He was entirely too hard to please.

Tess—Gracious! How he must have changed since he proposed to you!—Philadelphia Press.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## THE OYSTER'S POSITION.

### If Wedged on Its Right Side In Its Bed It Will Die.

"Why does an oyster sleep and live on its left side?" asked a man who is interested in oyster culture. "Well, I suppose we will have to put the question to Nature, and Nature has her own way of answering questions. I have been around in the oyster waters of the Chesapeake bay and Choptank river for many years and am in a position to say that this is the natural way of the oyster. I may remark parenthetically that this is one of the difficulties we have to contend with, for in rebedding oysters and bunching them an oyster is occasionally thrown upon its right side and weighted so that it cannot turn over. It simply dwindles away and dies by degrees. Put upon its right side the oyster cannot live. Of course there is an explanation to this peculiarity. The right hand part of the oyster shell is the top and movable part. If the oyster is put in its natural position—that is, on its left side—it requires but a small amount of physical energy to open and raise the right hand section of the shell when the oyster wants to feed. Reverse the position and put the oyster on the right side and we find an extremely difficult problem, from the oyster's standpoint. In order to open the shell for feeding purposes it is necessary for the oyster to raise not only the weight of the left section of the shell, but its own weight as well. If we reverse the natural position of the oyster, put it on its right hand side and wedge it so it can't turn over, we simply smother and starve it to death. Of course, I am just theorizing about this thing. There may be some other explanation of the left handed life of the oyster, but from my experience I am inclined to think the explanation given is a reasonable one."—Philadelphia Record.

## A DOG OF UTILITY.

### The Pointer's Evolution From the Bloodhound Type.

The evolution of the pointer from what may be described as the bloodhound type to the modern English foxhound kind has taken, perhaps, close on 150 years. He is essentially, above all others, a dog of utility, and as the pointer has always been looked upon as one of the chief helpmates of the man who loves to take his pleasure behind a well broken brace of dogs, a pair of barrels and straight powder, it stands to reason that that man has called in all his ingenuity and all his knowledge of breeding to provide himself with a sporting dog that is best adapted for the sport that is provided for him. Therefore in some places in America, where the plains are so vast, a very fast and wide ranging pointer is required—one, too, with "bird sense." Where true ranging, a good nose and stanchness on game are to be found embodied in one single dog, there, perhaps, have we found the perfect animal, and a retrieving pointer at that.

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# The TRIBULATIONS OF A PRODIGY

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THERE was nothing unusual in Catherine's appearance except perhaps a "grownup" lock of the eyes, which in a child so young was quite out of the ordinary. She had her dolls, was promenaded on the avenue and in the park and cried like other youngsters.

Catherine's advent on the scene had been brilliant. Her mother and herself, together with much pretentious looking luggage, all bedangled with curious tags and labels covered with German names, had suddenly flashed on the horizon. It was at the hour when a crowd of children were out in the well shaded street, and the big house that had been closed all winter at once became the center of attraction.

Interest was kept at fever heat until a dray came to a stop in front of the big house and several brawny men commenced to unload a big box.

"That's her piano," explained Miss Wetherbee, with pardonable pride at her superiority of knowledge. "My mamma told me that she had a 'special one'—one that nobody else touched. It's been all fixed up for her with special pedals and things." Miss Wetherbee, who besides being the daughter of a music teacher was dressed in a new pink creation of her mother's make, was speedily surrounded by an admiring group.

"Tell us about her!" exclaimed more than one eager voice.

Miss Wetherbee throned herself on a near fire plug.

"Yes," she continued, "her name's Catherine McDonald, and she plays so fine that a rich man sent her and her mother over to Germany so she could study music. My mamma has heard her, and she says that heaven put it in her finger tips to play. She does just as good as Paddyrhusky or—or Carmen or any of the famous folks."

The very first person to really talk with Catherine was a smutty faced little boy whose explorations into ash barrels had sadly dilapidated his personal appearance. On the third day the polished door of the big house was cautiously opened, and a girl's face appeared. It was framed in dark brown curls, and the eyes that peered out were almost pathetically suggestive of an understanding quite beyond her years. A little thin hand was outlined sharply against the dark panel of the door, and then Catherine stepped out upon the narrow ledge of stone.

"I suppose she's too stuck up to speak to us," commented Miss Wetherbee. "Those folks always are."

Catherine did not exactly snub the party on the doorstep, but she made a blunder which was almost as bad. She walked slowly down the opposite side of the street until she met Jim.

Jim had his trousers hoisted under his chin by one forlorn suspender, and

"WHATCHU GOT?"

his stockings were only grotesque caricatures of the real thing, but he possessed one treasure which, if not as necessary as the clothing, had at least the redeeming feature of being mysteriously attractive. Some one had given Jim a big poster. It was done in colors and represented a sprightly pickaninny with impossible kinks trying to create havoc on the business end of a big banjo.

"Whatchu got?" asked the prodigy in very commonplace English. Jim hitched at his one suspender in momentary embarrassment, but her cordial manner won him over.

"A pictur'," he replied. Then, unable to pin himself down to impersonal things, "Say, ye plays de pianner, don't yer?"

Catherine had scarcely expected this. She simply nodded her head and, reaching for the poster, held it up, taking in every detail of the comical little figure. Jim shuffled from one foot to the other mechanically. His mind was busy.

"Would yer muther let ye perform in Mike Slarity's saloon?" he ventured finally. "I tole Mike—dat's de man wot's de whole t'ing dere—dat ye was a wonder, and he tole me ter tell ye dat he'd be willin' ter cough up as much as ten fer five evenin's out of every week. It's a steady thing, and, say, Mike, he's the best"—

The matter might have been arranged had it not been for an interruption. Jim's mother appeared on the scene most unexpectedly, and poor Jim was whisked around the corner by one ear, his precious minstrel poster trailing after him.

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Haney street experienced a thrill when the announcement was made that Catherine was to give a birthday party. There she should meet all the little representatives of that neighborhood, and furthermore—how hearts went pitapat at the thought—her mother was to let her entertain the guests.

Miss Wetherbee felt that the crisis was at hand. For two days her mother

SHE WAS DRAGGING A SOBBING, TOUSLED LITTLE GIRL.

had been making for her a new dress that boasted big black bows and was to be christened on the afternoon of the memorable party.

Ah, the joys of the realm of childhood—and its sorrows! Every one else began to speak of invitations. But Miss Wetherbee had received none. The days passed rapidly until the morning of the day, and Miss Wetherbee from a position in the window of her home behind sheltering curtains looked out upon a world that lacked sunshine. The horrible truth dawned upon her when noontime came. She was not invited to the party! She had been snubbed, forgotten!

Her mother had been called suddenly away, and the big house was deserted except for herself. She went sobbing into her mother's room and tore off the new dress regardless of lace and snapping black ribbons.

She did not dare leave the house. Little girls in starched dresses were flitting past with their maids, and she would be laughed at. Every one would ask her why she was not going to the party, and then the humiliating truth must come out. She crept slowly to the window in the front room and peeped through the curtain. There they were—it was after 4 now—a small procession of her friends, laughing and chatting and discussing the treat which was in store for them.

Two tear stained hands doubled up in the snowy curtains. Miss Wetherbee was righteously angry.

It was not until the procession of new dresses had gone into the shadows beyond the big polished door of the house opposite that Miss Wetherbee saw Jim. He was seated on the steps of her own door.

Ordinarily she would not have given him a thought, but now anger at others brought her into closer touch with this vagrant. Jim was whistling to himself and watching the big house. She tapped on the window pane, and he looked up.

There was a hurried brushing aside of tears, and a moment later she had opened the door.

"They think they're big, don't they?" she began, looking meaningly in the direction of the other house.

"They're havin' a blowout, ain't they?" was Jim's comment. "Do ye know her?"

"I don't want to," was the diplomatic response.

"Don't want ter!" And Jim's eyebrows were raised in wonderment. "Why, she ain't nuthin' but a kid, and she's been on de big liners and plays as good as de men at de t'eater."

Miss Wetherbee would have said something, but the big poster in Jim's capacious pocket attracted her attention. "What's that?" she inquired.

Jim's face lighted radiantly. He pulled out the crumpled sheet and spread it for her inspection. "Dat," he began again, "dat's de offeshul docerment wot lies between me and all kinds of coin. I'm tryin' ter fix things so as de goil over dere kin make a rep. Mike Slarity—everybody knows Mike—he tole me dat he'd give this here pianner goil ten plunks fer five evenin's in his place, and wot's more, if I fix it fer him I'm ter have a sure deal." Jim had now grown thoroughly enthusiastic. "I haven't seen her but onct, but I think she'd go."

Miss Wetherbee gasped for breath. She looked at Jim, at the comical poster and at the big house across the street. An idea had flashed upon her—a glorious, wonderful, startling idea.

"That's a lot of money. I heard one of the girls say Catherine was engaged for next week—engaged to play somewhere. P'r'aps she's told her mother and it's all settled."

It was Jim's turn to become excited. He knew that he had spoken with the prodigy.

"By jiminy!" exclaimed the little tattered waif, weaving a fresh design on the already grotesque face. "Dat might be so. Say, I'm in luck. Mike's place will be full ter de ash cans next Monday. He'll advertise it; on de level, he will."

Advertise it! Miss Wetherbee's black eyes sparkled. A little later two children of oddly different appearances were busily engaged in pasting a white strip on to the minstrel poster. The old letters were obliterated and new ones put in their place.

Jim walked proudly down the front steps shortly afterward with a curious bundle under his arm.

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Officer Leghorn was the first to see it. He stopped short in front of the big house and put his gloved hand up to his eyes as if unwilling to believe that his vision had not been tampered with. Tacked to the door and prominent enough to be seen a block away was a big colored poster. It represented a small negro urchin playing on a banjo, and the white space around the figure was covered with carelessly shaped letters. After much study Officer Leghorn deciphered the following:

"Miss Catherin McDonald, de world's greatest kid pianner player, will positively appear at Mike Slarity's saloon next Monday night. She is a wunder. Come wun, come all."

At the very bottom of the poster this edifying statement had been placed:

"Mike Slarity gives de biggest glass of beer for 5 cents in de city."

Officer Leghorn read it over and over again. Then his gaze wandered to the pretentious house front, with its elaborate fixtures.

"It's funny that they'd let 'em put up the posters on their front door," he soliloquized, scratching his head. "The family must hev met reverses."

He was joined by two business men coming home. There was an exchange of glances.

"Mike keeps the toughest dance hall in town," was Officer Leghorn's comment.

The interested spectators were joined by others who wanted to read the gaudy poster.

Just across the street a little flushed face was pressed against the pane, and two very black, bright eyes were watching developments with unstinted excitement. Miss Wetherbee's revenge was destined to be complete.

Strange as it may seem, there had been no interruption from the occupants of the big house. Mrs. Rankin, straight and prim in her black dress, walked down Haney street in the direction of the house. She had promised to call for her little daughter. Mrs. Rankin's state of mind when she discovered that her little daughter was being entertained by a saloon sketch artist, a terrible little degenerate that made money for her equally depraved mother by doing variety turns in a dance hall, may be understood. Mrs. Rankin, gathering up her skirts frantically, made a dart for the steps, pushing the crowd aside ruthlessly. When she appeared once more, she was dragging a sobbing, damp face, tousled little girl after her. Others followed, dozens of them, all in their very best kilts, but all very much excited, and the melee on stairway and sidewalk when the crowd was mingled with the party guests was odd enough to make one believe a catastrophe had occurred.

Then Jim came, poor, unassuming Jim, puffed up with pride over the success of his brilliant scheme, fresh from Mike's place, where his reception had been beyond all expectations. There Catherine stood sobbing, like a dozen others, her dress quite rumpled and her "grownup" eyes searching the crowd. Jim longed to yell up to her. All this was simply the happy culmination of his heart's greatest desire; the advertising game had worked "bully." Just see what a crowd had collected! Her debut at Mike's would crush all previous records of vaudeville artists.

"I'll bet she's proud—well, say!" he chirped gleefully.

Alas for the fondest of dreams, luckless Jim's awakening came with only too much rapidity. The little girl who had been the inspiration of it all, the brown haired prodigy with the drooping eyes, she it was who called forth this sad ending. A moment before he was congratulating himself; a moment before his tan cheeks had burned with pleasure. She had waved her hands. She had pointed to him. He, just Jim, was recognized by the prodigy of Haney street, and before this finely rigged out assembly! Then—then some one grabbed him savagely by the arm.

"It's ye, Mr. Leghorn!" he stammered.

Officer Leghorn nodded.

"I thought there was something wrong about that sign business," he said aggressively. "You alley kids are the limit."

Jim was not "sent up."

True, he had been guilty of placing the poster on the door, but in some mysterious way Catherine became acquainted with the facts in the case and appeared in his behalf, asking that he be released. Perhaps it was because a certain conscience stricken little girl found a soiled invitation behind the rug in the vestibule where a careless postman had dropped it and because that little girl made a secret confession to Catherine that Jim's mother was not to enjoy two weeks of well merited rest.

# A WONDERFUL QUERN

HOW THE NORWEGIANS EXPLAIN WHY THE SEA IS SALT.

**Magic Mill That Ground Out Riches For the Poor Brother While It Frightened the Rich One—The Sailor Who Made It Grind Salt.**

There is an old fashioned Norwegian folk talk that accounts in a very curious way for the salt in the sea. According to the story, the waters of the ocean were not always salt. But long ago there were two brothers living away up in the northland. One was very rich, and the other was very poor. One brother had herds of cattle and flocks of fat mountain sheep, while the poor one had just about nothing at all except a wife and ever so many children.

One Christmas eve there was nothing in the house for them to eat, and the poor man's wife said to her husband:

"If I had a rich brother, as you have, I would go and ask him for something for these poor children to eat. Tomorrow will be Christmas day, and there is not a crust of bread in the house."

So he went to his brother and told him how much they needed his help. The rich man gave him a nice flitch of bacon and told him to go to an old magician who lived somewhere in the mountains. I do not know why he sent the poor man to the magician, for the latter did not bear a very good name in the neighborhood. However, when he came to the magician's stronghold everybody about the place wanted to buy his flitch of bacon. He could not understand why it was, but he thought if there was so much demand for the bacon he would at least make the best bargain he could for it.

"Well," he said, "I ought by rights to take this bacon home to my good dame for our dinner tomorrow, but since you all seem to have set your hearts on it I suppose you must have it. If I sell it, however, I want a good price for it."

They offered him a good round sum, but that would not do.

"I will let you have it," he said, "if you will give me that quern yonder behind the door."

A quern is one of the things that it would be very hard to find nowadays, because they have gone out of fashion. A quern is a mill for grinding corn by hand, and it consists of two large stones, an upper and a lower one, the upper one having a handle by which it may be turned around on the lower stone, grinding the corn or grain between them.

The old magician at first laughed outright at the idea of any one thinking that he would part with his quern, but the owner of the bacon insisted that he would be satisfied with nothing less than that, so he finally got it.

When he reached his own door the clock was striking 12 and his wife was waiting for him, ready to scold him for staying so long.

"What in the world kept you so long?" she asked. "And what are we going to do with that old quern when we have no corn to grind?"

Then he told her of his trading the bacon for the quern. She was dreadfully put out about it and especially at the loss of the bacon.

"Just wait a minute," said her husband, "before you begin to complain, and see if I did not do right this time."

And, putting the quern on the table, he told it to grind enough good things to make a first rate dinner for twelve hungry mouths. His wife could hardly believe her eyes as she stood there and watched the quern grinding out dainties enough to last a week.

The rich brother chanced to hear how well his poor brother's family was living, and when he came and saw what an elegant table they kept he was envious and wanted to know where they got the money to buy the things. For a long time they kept the secret of the old quern, but somehow it got out at last. They were so proud of it that they could not help telling all about it, and the rich brother insisted on buying the quern. Finally they let him have it for $300.

It kept on grinding for its new owner, but he was afraid of it, never feeling sure of what it would do next, so he made his brother take it back at the same price. The poor man was glad to get it back again, and it ground out untold riches for himself and his family. They had everything they desired, among other things a golden house to live in, and the people came from every land to see the magnificence of the family that owned the wonderful quern.

One day a stranger, an old seaman who had been all around the then known world, came to see the quern and wanted it to grind salt.

It is supposed that the owner of the quern was rich enough by this time, for he let it go for a moderate sum, and, fearing that he might repent of having sold it, the old sailor put to sea at once with his prize, anxious to know how it would work. When he had sailed so far out that no one could reach him, he said to the quern:

"Grind salt and grind both fast and good."

No sooner had he given the order than the quern began to grind heaps and heaps of salt all over the deck until the ship was ready to sink to the bottom of the sea. Scared half to death, the old sailor begged the quern to stop grinding salt. He got down on his knees to it.

But there was no use talking to it. It went on grinding, grinding, and soon the vessel went down with its weight of salt. And the quern still keeps on grinding in the depths of the ocean, and that is why the sea is salt.—Virginia McSherry.

It is a good plan occasionally to take your troubles to some one who will point out that you are to blame for having them.—Atchison Globe.


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For you all in our Mammouth Holiday Display in our Basement. 15 Clerks in our Toy Department will give your every attention Come now and let us show you the largest display of Toys, Toy Furniture, Wagons, Pianos, Go-Carts, Sleds, Wagons, Dinnerware, Albums, Fancy Toilet Cases, Shaving and Smoking Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Albums, Statuary, Nickeled Ware, Bric-a-Bric, and a hundred of other articles to please both young and old at absolutely the lowest prices. Remember we will store your purchases until you want them delivered.

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## THE WEATHER

CHICAGO, Ill., DEC 18. 9:50 a. m The following are the weath er indications for Northern Illinois

Rain or snow in northern and rain in southern portions tonight and Saturday. Rising temperature.

### Illinois Press Association.

The executive committee of the Illinois Press association met at Springfield November 19 and decided to hold their next annual meeting at Galesburg on February 16, 17 and 18. The invitation was extended by Mayor Shumway, in one of the most cordial and heart-to-heart talks the committee has ever listened to, and was accepted unanimously.

### Beat Wife With Bible.

In Judge Brenton's Court, Chicago, yesterday Mrs. Bertha Jensen as justification for a bill of divorce, claimed that Mr. Jensen knocked her down with the Bible. We presume that Mr. Jensen remarked apologetically when he sent the sacred book flying at his wife, that if she "could not stand the truth, then fall."

### A Christmas Party.

Madame Kunze will give a Christmas dance party at the Armory on next Wednesday evening. Every effort will be made to make the affair a most pleasing one in every respect. A full orchestra will discourse up-to-date music.

### Go to Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Trautman and son, Elmer, Ed Trautman and Mr. and Mrs. Henning of Cortland leave for Grand Rapids Monday where they will visit for some time.

### Dance Tonight.

The high school football team will give a holiday dance party at the Armory this evening.

—William H. Rink went to Chicago this morning.

—Robt. H. Teachout went to Grand Detour today.

—Coroner C T. Smith was here today from Amboy.

—Mrs. J. M. Batchelder is recovering from an illness.

—Allen Patridge went to Van Petten this morning.

—I. B. Countryman came home last night from Chicago.

—Mark Carpenter and Scott Hull went to Chicago this morning.

—Miss Bess Wilcox of Amboy is the guest of Mrs. Frank Rosbrook.

—Joe Miller and brother Harvey went to Ashton this morning.

—Avery Manges spent today at the farmers' institute at Ashton.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAlpine went to Chicago this morning.

—Chas. H. Noble is home from a stay of several days in Chicago.

—Major A. T. Tourtillott of La Moille was in the city Thursday.

—C. W. Adams spent last evening in Sterling and came back this morning.

—Dr C. C. Kost is moving into his new offices in the Odd Fellows' building.

—Senator Chas. H Hughes went to Chicago yesterdey and will return this evening.

—Gus Demorest went to Ashton this morning to attend the farmers' institute,

—Attorney Clyde Smith is home from Milwaukee where he was called on business.

—The Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Ericsson went to Chicago this morning and will return tomorrow evening.

—Mrs. Margaret Dornan and niece, Miss McGuire, went to Chicago this morning to visit relatives.

—H. E. Spear has been appointed postmaster at Polo, his nomination being confirmed today by the senate.

—Ex-Governor Joseph W. Fifer has been reappointed by the president as a member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

—Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Schudder who have been here on a visit at the Shaffer home today returned to their home at Manlius.

—The girls of the two Pueblo, Colorado, high schools have formed an anti-corset club. Evidently the corsets will not stay there very long.

—Operator Ed. Trautman came up last evening from Walnut Junction where he hao been releived by Operator Ed. Wilcox. He has been granted a month's leave of absence.

—The subject of Rev, William Craven's Sunday evening sermon will be "The Supreme Importance of the Incarnation in the Scheme of Redemption." There will be special Christmas music.

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### Storage Rules.

Commencing at once storage will be charged when freight unloaded at railroad warehouses or platforms is not removed by consignee within forty-eight (48) hours (two days) after freight is unloaded.

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Will not be right without a juicy roast, a tender turkey or meat of some kind. Leave your order at Spencer & Teachout's and you'll be certain to get something which will fill the bill nicely. Whether it be beef, pork or poultry you will have meat on your table Cristmas that will be cause for rejoicing. 296tf

### HARNISHS' PURE CANDIES

Before selecting Xmas presents see our fancy packages, candy canes and baskets. 96t6

### STUDIO SALE

At Perkin's & Trein's Millinery store Friday and Saturday of this week. Xmas Gifts in Water Color and Oil. 296t2

If you like a juicy steak go to the Opera House Restaurant. 596t2

### PANTATORIUM

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### APPLES

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G. G. Rosbrook's Hall. Gent's 50c. Ladies free. Kent's Orchestra. 96tf

Harnish will have mint sherbet and fancy ice cream for Xmas. Please order early. 96t6

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### Annual Meeting Illinois State Teachers Association, Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29-31, 1903.

For this occasion the Illinois Central will sell round trip tickets to Springfield for one fare of $4.65. Dates of sale will be Dec. 28th and 29th. All tickets will be limited to return until Jan. 1st, 1904,


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THE Newest Neckwear—4-in-Hands, Puffs, Ascots, Imperials; Boys' Gloves, silk lined. Men's Dress Gloves, lined and unlined. Dress Shirts, Suit Cases Fancy Hose. Full Length Samples Cloths, Suits and Pants made to order at

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COTTAGE, convenient, pleasantly located. Man and wife preferred. Three and one-half blocks from Court House Rent reasonable. Enquire at 414 South Dixon avenue. 246tf

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A HARD coal burner and chunk stove. Enquire at Harnishs' Store 296t3

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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Men's Suits. sold earlier in the season at $10.00, now.....7.50
Men's Suits. sold earlier in the season at $12.00 and $13.00, now.....10.00
Men's Suits, sold earlier in the season at $14, $15 and $16, now.....12.00
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Reduction sale of our stock of Men's Underwear means a saving of no small item.

Men's All Wool Underwear, all sizes Shirts and Drawers, colors natural, tan and blue, $1.25 values, now 89c
Men's Extra Heavy Fleece-Lined Underwear, all sizes, Shirts and Drawers, 50c values, now.....39c
Boys' Extra Heavy Fleece-Lined Underwear, all sizes.....25c
Men's All Wool Socks only.....15c

## Shoe Department

Men's Fine Shoes, Goodyear Welt, in all styles of leather, at 2.95 and 3.50
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Men's $10.00 overcoats now.....$7.50
Men's $12.00 and $13.00 Overcoats now.....$10.00
Men's $14.00, 15.00 and $16.00 Overcoats now.....$12.00
Men's $17.00, $18.00 and $20.00 Overcoats now.....$15.00

## Boys' Clothing

Boys' Knee Pants Suits, ages 7 to 16 years, double breasted and Norfolk style, sold earlier in the seast at 3.50 and $4.00 now.....$2.95
Boy's 3-Piece Knee Pant Suit, ages 9 to 16, exceptional value during the great Overstock Sale at 3, 4, and $5
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Boy's Long Pant Suits. ages 14 to 20, latest designs in Cheviots, Cassimeres, Worsteds, sold earlier in the season at $12.00 and $13.50, now 9.50
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Boys' Overcoats, sold at $12 and $13.50 now.....9.50
Boys' Overcoats, sold at $8, $9 and $10, now.....7.00
Boys' Overcoats, sold at $6.50 and $7.50 now.....5.00
Boys' Overcoats, ages 3 to 16 years, splendedly tailored, of good, durable material, at.....3.50 and 5.00
Boys' Knee Pants, ages 4 to 16 years, extra good wear-resisting garments specially priced for this great sale at.....39c and 50c
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## Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats

We are now showing a magnificent line of smoking jackets and coats. Nothing could please a man better. A beautiful line of two-tone effects to choose from here at 5.00, 6.50, 8.00, $10.



# The Bee Hive

## Only six more days

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